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2. After the usual **opening** religious exercises, the Secretary shall read the Minutes of the previous session.

3. No **motion** shall be entertained by the Conference till such motion shall have been seconded.

4. All **motions** shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any member of the Conference.

5. Every member desiring to **speak** on any subject before the Conference shall rise and address the President.

6. The member who first rises and addresses the President shall be entitled to the **floor**.

7. No member shall **speak** more than once on the same subject till all who may desire to speak shall have spoken; nor more than fifteen minutes at a time, without leave of the Conference.

8. All questions of **order** shall be decided by the President, subject to an appeal to Conference, without debate.

9. When any question is under debate, no **motion** shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone, to commit, or to amend; but a motion to adjourn shall always be **in order**, and this, as well as a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

10. If the question before the Conference be capable of **division**, upon the call of any member, such question shall be divided.

11. The business of the Conference shall be conducted with **open doors**, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

12. Any question may be **reconsidered** on the motion of any member who may have voted with the majority.

13. If any member call for the **previous question**, and such call shall be sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, the main question shall then be put.

14. Each **Committee** of the Conference shall choose its own **chairman**, unless the chairman be designated by the Conference or the President in the appointment of the Committee.

15. The members of the Conference shall assemble in the Conference-room punctually at the hour to which the Conference adjourned, and no member shall absent himself from the place of Conference session without **leave of absence**.

16. In all practicable cases, where **charges** are preferred against a member of Conference, notice shall be given to the President on the first day of the session, that, if it be judged proper, his name may be called, and the case referred to a Committee.

17. No member of Conference shall be subject to **arrest of character** without having been timely furnished, wherever practicable, with a written copy of the charges and specifications against him.

18. The vote on any question shall be taken by **ayes and noes**, upon the call of fifteen members.

19. The **roll** of the Conference shall not be called in open Conference for the purpose of obtaining **subscriptions** of money from the preachers, except for Conference expenses, unless it shall be ordered by a three-fourths vote of the members then present and voting.

20. The printed Minutes of the Conference, including all reports adopted by the Conference, officially signed by the President, and edited and attested by the Secretary, shall be the **official record** of its proceedings.

21. No member who has spoken on a pending motion shall have the right to call for the **previous question**, or to move to lay the same on the table.

22. Standing **Committees** shall be divided into **three equal classes**, to serve from the first appointment one, two, and three years, respectively; and all appointments thereafter shall be for three years, any member being eligible to reappointment.

23. The **first meeting** of each Standing Committee shall be held after the Statistical Session, on the first day of the Conference Session, in the place indicated by the local Committee on Entertainment.

24. The Presiding Elders, those members of the Board of Examiners who have examined the candidates for **admission on trial**, and the Committees on general qualifications of such candidates, shall confer as one Committee, and shall recommend to the Conference the number, if any, and the names, of those who should be received on trial at each session. The decision of this Committee shall be made, irrespective of the charges or districts from which the candidates are recommended.

25. When the **roll-call** of the first day's session shall have been completed, the Conference shall rise, and remain standing, while the Secretary calls the roll of members who have died during the year.

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"	Herbert Welch,	P.	1902	George Gable,	P.
"	Walter D. Cole,	1903	Adna W. Leonard,	P.
1893	Ulysses G. Humphrey,	P.	"	John F. Chenoweth,	P.
"	George W. Vorhies,	P.	"	Asa J. Kestle,	P.
"	William H. Wehrly,	P.	"	William W. Reeves,‡
"	William M. Coffman,	P.	"	Wilbur E. Hammaker,	P.
"	Homer G. Curless,	P.	"	Hugh C. Scudday,	P.
"	Walter S. Gray,	P.	"	Elmer W. Serl,	P.
"	Albert C. Turrell,*	1904	James M. Bailey,	P.
"	William A. Deaton,	P.	"	Wm. E. Verity,	P.
"	Marcellus B. Fuller,	P.	"	Jacob J. Hawk,	P.
"	John E. Beery,	P.	1905	Fred. J. Reinbarth,	P.
"	Alvin K. Stabler,	P.	"	William T. Gilliland,	P.
"	John Phillips,	P.	"	Lewis O. Hartman,	P.
1894	David S. Ewry,	P.	"	J. R. Troxell,
"	James D. Darling,	P.			

* Deceased.

‡ Located.

† Transferred to the North Indiana Conference.



Earl Cranston

II.

Journal of Proceedings.

FIRST DAY.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, *September 6, 1905.*

BISHOP EARL CRANSTON, D. D., called the Cincinnati Annual Conference to order at nine o'clock this morning in the High Street Church of this city for its fifty-fourth session. He read, for a Scripture lesson, St. Matthew, twenty-sixth chapter, thirty-sixth verse, and following. The 839th hymn was sung and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to a large congregation.

A. D. Maddox preached the Memorial Sermon from the text, "Friend, go up higher," Luke xiv, 10.

The Secretary of the Conference called the names of the deceased members as follows: Wm. N. Maxey, Geo. W. Fee, Bishop Isaac Wilson Joyce (Honorary), D. A. McColm, J. P. Porter, and A. C. Turrell. The memoir of Wm. N. Maxey was read by C. W. Briggs; those of Geo. W. Fee and J. P. Porter by J. F. McColm; that of D. A. McColm by Geo. W. Dubois, and of A. C. Turrell by W. A. Deaton. A. B. Leonard was appointed to prepare for the Minutes a suitable note upon the death of Bishop Isaac Wilson Joyce.

On motion of H. C. Weakley, the following paper was adopted and ordered printed in the Journal:

WHEREAS, Our Church at Jamestown requested the return of Rev. James P. Porter, D. D., as their pastor for two consecutive years, knowing that his vital forces were failing and that consequently he could only render partial service; and

WHEREAS, They rallied to his support in every way, until he was called to his reward, rendering him all possible aid in the work of the Church during this period: also gracious ministries during his sickness, that awakened tenderest and profoundest gratitude in his heart, and hearty expression of the same; therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, hereby express our grateful appreciation of their brotherly treatment of our beloved brother, Doctor Porter,

and assure them that they have a new place in our hearts because of this kindness, and assure them that special prayers shall be offered for their spiritual welfare, that this Church may speedily come to its largest usefulness and power.

H. C. WEAKLEY,
DAVIS W. CLARK,

R. E. SMITH,
C. H. HAINES.

D. W. Clark offered the following paper respecting the late A. C. Turrell, and it was ordered printed in the Minutes:

As associates of the late Albert C. Turrell, Presiding Elder of the Hillsboro District, the members of the Cabinet of the Cincinnati Conference, at the first meeting subsequent to his lamented death, desire to make the following minute:

His appointment gave us the greatest possible satisfaction. We anticipated with pleasure the intimate relations which we would sustain to him, and which are incident to our office. We find the duties of his first six months discharged with ability and fidelity, and the work of the balance of the year scheduled with systematic care. Sympathetic appreciation of his brethren and sincere desire to improve their conditions, plans to advance the general denominational causes, as well as the interests of the Churches of his district, characterized his brief but vigorous administration. The cheerful sustaining of these burdens, while a fatal malady, known only to himself, was making its inroads, appeals to us as courageous in the highest degree. We commend for study and imitation the character of this industrious, heroic, and consecrated minister. We acknowledge our own sense of personal bereavement in his all-to-early death.

(Signed,) DAVIS W. CLARK, ALBERT N. SPAHR,
HERBER D. KETCHAM, GEORGE W. DUBOIS.

The Memoir of Mrs. W. A. Wiant, was presented by H. D. Ketcham; that of Mrs. W. H. Meredith by J. A. Story; and that of Mrs. L. M. Davis by S. O. Royal. The Memoir of Mrs. D. H. Sargeant, was ordered prepared, and printed in the Minutes without reading.

The Secretary resumed the roll call and one hundred and forty-six responded to their names.

On motion of A. B. Leonard, Stanley O. Royal was continued as Secretary by acclamation, with the privilege of naming his assistants, and the following assistants were selected: V. F. Brown, C. C. Peale, J. R. Colley, and C. L. Conger.

G. M. Hammell was re-elected Statistical Secretary. C. W. Horn was re-elected Conference Treasurer, and on his nomination the following were elected assistants: W. H. Spybey, O. P. Hoffman, J. W. Patton, and L. A. Washburn.

Upon motion, the printed program as prepared by the Committee on Public Worship was adopted as the order of the Conference, subject to such changes as may be necessary from time to time.

By motion of D. J. Starr, the bar of the Conference was fixed at the second window from the front of the audience-room.

It was agreed, by motion, that when we adjourn, it be to hold a Conference session at two o'clock, the first half-hour to be a Statistical Session, following which would be the semi-centennial sermon of Dr. H. A. M. Henderson.

Dr. J. M. Buckley, Editor of the *Christian Advocate*, and a member of the New York East Conference, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

A. B. Leonard moved, and it prevailed, that this Conference requests the Rev. Herbert Welch, D. D., President of the Ohio Wesleyan University, to transfer his membership to the Cincinnati Conference. On motion of D. W. Clark, a Committee was appointed to give Dr. Welch a formal invitation to become a member of this body, said Committee to consist of A. B. Leonard and the Presiding Elders. (See page 155.)

The Bishop addressed the Conference briefly respecting the work in hand, after which the session adjourned with the doxology and benediction.

AFTERNOON.

THE Conference met at two o'clock with the Bishop in the chair, and conducting the devotional services. S. B. Smith led in prayer.

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, the Committee to Nominate Standing Committees was authorized to fill all vacancies, and the list of Committees was called, and necessary changes were noted.

The list of charges was called, and the pastors present reported their collections and statistics.

Dr. Howard Henderson preached a highly interesting semi-centennial sermon, according to the request of the Conference last year. (For action concerning the publishing of the sermon see page 160. Editor.)

The Bishop called the THIRTEENTH QUESTION, "*Has the Character of each preacher been examined?*" D. Lee Aultman, Presiding Elder of the Hillsboro District, presented his report. (See page 191.)

W. D. Parr, D. D., Assistant Secretary of the Church Extension Society, was introduced, and made a very effective appeal for the Society.

A. N. Spahr, Presiding Elder of the Milford District, read his report. (See page 196.)

The Presiding Elder of the Springfield District, G. W. Dubois, presented the report for his district. (See page 200.)

Announcements were made, and the session adjourned with the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, *September 7, 1905.*

AT half-past eight this morning the Conference opened with devotional services, in which Bishop Cranston led. Bishop Thoburn was introduced, and made an impressive address concerning missionary work in India.

The journal of the morning and of the afternoon sessions was read and approved. The charges whose statistical reports were not yet handed in were called by the Secretary of Statistics.

Numerous papers presented by the Bishop were distributed to the proper Committees.

The THIRTEENTH QUESTION was resumed, and Heber D. Ketcham, Presiding Elder of the Dayton District, presented his report. (See page 185.) The Bishop called the list of Effective Elders in charge for the passage of character, and for their reports of collections upon the Hillsboro, Milford, and Springfield Districts.

DIVIDENDS.—The Bishop announced that the Conference was entitled to draw upon the Book Concern for the sum of Fourteen hundred and forty-seven dollars, (\$1,447.00), Book Concern dividends, for Conference Claimants; also upon the Chartered Fund for Twenty-two dollars, (\$22.00) for the same purpose, and the drafts were ordered.

A communication concerning the Episcopal Fund announcing Twenty-one hundred and Sixty-two dollars, (\$2,162.00), as the

apportionment for this Conference was presented, and the amount was referred to the Presiding Elders for distribution among the charges.

A communication from the Agents of the Book Concern, reporting the condition of the business under their care, was presented. It was read in part, and referred to the Committee on Periodicals and Book Concern Accounts.

U. G. Humphrey briefly addressed the Conference concerning the work of the Anti-saloon League in the State of Indiana, which has been under his superintendency for the past year. He was excused from attendance for the remainder of the session.

D. W. Clark, Presiding Elder of the Cincinnati District, read his report. He then introduced the following paper, which was adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, In May, 1908, it will be more than a quarter of a century since the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in the city of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati is the representative city of a wide and densely populated territory, commonly called the Ohio Valley, and to which it is said that thirteen States are tributary; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati is unsurpassed in railroad, hall, and hostelry facilities, making it pre-eminently a Convention city; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati is an important center of our denominational interests, being the seat of our Western Publishing-house, the birthplace of German Methodism, the headquarters of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati is confessedly a key situation in the mooted matter of organic union with the Church South; and

WHEREAS, The coming of the General Conference to Cincinnati is enthusiastically desired, not only by our own communicants, but by various civic and mercantile organizations, and the population at large, who will generously aid in the Guarantee Fund; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church does hereby unanimously join and concur in the invitation, and urgently entreats the Commission on Location of the Next General Conference, in view of the matters herein recited, to name Cincinnati as its seat.

The Effective Elders of the Cincinnati and Dayton Districts were then called, the character of each passed, and their collections were reported.

H. D. Ketcham presented the requests of R. E. Smith and G. L. Travis for Superannuation. The request was granted, and the Board of Stewards was instructed to consider their claims.

W. P. Thirkield made a brief address concerning the work of the Freedmen's Aid Society, and, upon his request, was excused from attendance after to-day, on account of the pressing demands of his official work.

Rev. Frank L. Hart, representing the Board of Church Insurance, was introduced and represented the work under his care. On motion, a Committee of three was appointed to consider the question of Church Insurance: Committee, G. H. Dart, J. W. Peters, and Frank G. Mitchell.

The following visitors were introduced: Lucien Clark, E. S. Lewis, and W. H. Lewis, of the Ohio Conference; T. L. Ferguson and T. L. Wilson, of the Lexington Conference; P. J. Albright, of the North Indiana Conference; U. P. C. Morrison, of the Mississippi Conference; John R. Shannon, of the New England Conference, and W. J. Shuey, of the United Brethren Church.

D. W. Clark presented the request of Edward McHugh for a change of relation from Supernumerary to Superannuated. The request was granted, and the Board of Stewards was instructed to consider his claims.

The TWENTY-SECOND QUESTION was taken up: "*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*" The following were continued in the same relation: E. T. Wells, G. H. Dart, I. R. Marshall, Chas. Hartley, W. G. Warner, John Wilson, F. M. Clemans, and E. L. Hollingsworth.

THE TWENTY-THIRD QUESTION was called: "*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*" The following were continued in the same relation: S. N. Marsh, J. F. Hull, T. E. Fidler, J. G. Black, H. M. Keck, M. P. Zink, G. M. Edgar, John Vance, S. W. Carey, T. J. Harris, S. W. Edmiston, E. P. James, W. H. Sutherland, J. W. Hickman, L. F. Young, J. T. Bail, S. B. Smith, W. P. Jackson, W. M. West, J. R. Hunter, L. O. Deputy, Sylvester Weeks, C. J. Wells, C. H. Kalbfus, J. McK. Schultz, C. D. Munsey, H. A. M. Henderson, and W. W. Ramsay.

J. E. H. Sentman was given an Effective relation.

H. G. Scudday was excused from further attendance on the sessions.

The Committee on Nominations offered names for the filling of vacancies on the Standing Committees, and they were confirmed.

Announcements were made. A. B. Leonard was appointed to conduct the devotional services to-morrow morning, and the session adjourned with the benediction by J. G. Black.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, September 8, 1905.

The Conference met at half-past eight this morning for devotional services, under direction of A. B. Leonard. At nine o'clock, Bishop Cranston took the chair, and the journal of Thursday was read and approved.

The FIRST QUESTION was called: "*Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*" and the following transfers were announced: James E. McGee, from the Virginia; Harrison H. Compton, from the North Indiana; George Gable, from the Puget Sound; Charles W. Sullivan, from Central Ohio; George H. Pettingill, a Probationer of the First Year, from Troy Conference; and William F. Martin, from the St. Louis Conference.

The FIFTH QUESTION was called: "*Who have been Continued on Trial?*" The Examining Committee was heard, the representation of the Elders was given, and Jesse Lee Corley, Bert E. Smith, Clark L. Gowdy, Purdy L. VanWicklen, Edgar S. Jackson, and Herbert R. Whiting, and Benjamin H. Lewis were continued on Trial in the Studies of the Second Year. William F. Clark was continued on Trial in the Studies of the First Year. Edgar S. Jackson, William F. Clark, and Herbert R. Whiting are to be left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

George F. Barber, Wm. L. Boicourt, Geo. W. Keen, and Dudley Matthews were passed in their studies, and continued on Trial in the Studies of the Fourth Year. Edward L. Lutterman was discontinued at his own request.

The NINTH QUESTION was called: "*What Members are in the Studies of the Fourth Year?*" James M. Bailey and Wm. E. Verity reported their collections and were passed to the Studies of the Fourth Year. Asa J. Kestle was passed in all his studies,

elected to Elder's Orders, and left without an appointment to attend one of our schools.

The SIXTEENTH QUESTION was asked: "*Who have been Located at their own Request?*" and W. W. Reeves was granted a Location.

The Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth and Twenty-first Questions were called, and no personal notations were made.

Rev. Dr. Herbert Welch, President of the Ohio Wesleyan University, was introduced. A. B. Leonard introduced the following which was adopted by a unanimous rising vote:

In view of the election of the Rev. Dr. Herbert Welch as President of the Ohio Wesleyan University; and

Further, in view of the fact that his predecessors in the office, Bishop Bashford and the lamented Dr. Charles H. Payne, were honored members of this body; and

Further, that while other patronizing Ohio Conferences each has one or more members of the University Faculty upon its roll, the Cincinnati Conference has none; therefore,

Resolved, That we fraternally and unanimously invite Doctor Welch to become a member of this Conference, and to this end respectfully request the Presiding Bishop to effect the transfer; and, further,

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves, individually and as a Conference, to co-operate with the new incumbent of the Presidency, in such ways as he may indicate, to turn money, students, and friends toward the Ohio Wesleyan, already easily our greatest educational foundation in this commonwealth.

FRANK G. MITCHELL,	JOHN A. STORY,	A. N. SPAHR,
C. E. SCHENK,	A. B. LEONARD,	D. LEE AULTMAN,
M. LE SOURD,	DAVIS W. CLARK,	G. W. DUBOIS.
J. E. MCGEE,	HEBER D. KETCHAM.	

Bishop Cranston then announced the transfer of Dr. Welch to the Cincinnati Conference from the New York East.

Introductions.—Rev. Robb Zaring, Assistant Editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*; W. E. Pryor, of the Ohio Conference; Willis A. Cooper and George Gable, recent transfers to this Conference; C. W. Barnes, of the Central Ohio Conference; Drs. Randall and H. M. Kellogg, of the Northeast Indiana Conference, and Edward A. Ganster, of the Indiana Conference, were introduced.

A series of very interesting addresses was then enjoyed.

The Rev. A. E. Smith, D. D., President of the North Ohio University, was introduced, and interestingly addressed the Conference regarding the institution under his care.

W. A. Robinson addressed the Conference respecting the work of Christ Hospital, of which he is the Superintendent. Dr. Guy Potter Benton, President of the Miami University, briefly spoke regarding the work of that State College; also Frank C. English, President of Moore's Hill College told of the institution under his care.

Clifford Price, of the Book Concern, was introduced to the Conference, and invited a settlement of accounts.

A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society was presented, and forcibly addressed the Conference upon the great work of that Society.

John Pearson, District Agent of the American Bible Society, represented the work of that Society in a brief address.

Dr. I. D. Jones, President of the Cincinnati Missionary Society, was introduced, and spoke of the work being done by that organization.

The THIRTIETH QUESTION: "*Where shall the next Conference be held?*" was taken up. W. A. Wiant presented an invitation from the Eaton Church, and, upon motion it was accepted by a unanimous rising vote.

The following paper was presented by W. A. Robinson, and adopted:

Resolved, That, at the first Quarterly Conference, in preparing the Committees for the year in all our charges, we will see that a committee of three is nominated on "Christ Hospital."

W. A. ROBINSON,
JESSE B. YOUNG,

GERVAISE ROUGHTON,
G. W. DUBOIS.

Upon motion of W. A. Robinson, a Committee of three upon Lakeside, was constituted as follows: Frank G. Mitchell, J. S. Pumphrey, and C. C. Peale.

The Statistical Secretary announced that the gain in membership for the year was, in full members, 1,611; in probationers, 331. Total, 1,942.

Announcements were made, the doxology was sung, and the session adjourned with the benediction by Dr. H. M. Kellogg.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, *September 9, 1905.*

DR. HERBERT WELCH conducted the devotional services this morning, beginning at half-past eight. At nine o'clock, Bishop Cranston took the chair, and the journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Education was read by C. E. Schenk. Dr. Welch, the President of the Ohio Wesleyan University, addressed the Conference. The report was then adopted, and the nominations offered by the Committee were approved.

Dr. Levi Gilbert, Editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, was introduced, and spoke concerning the work of the *Advocate*.

Dr. H. C. Jennings, Agent of the Western Book Concern, was introduced, and spoke concerning the Church publications, and especially with regard to the new Hymnal.

The preliminary report of the Conference Stewards was read.

On motion of John Pearson, the Committee on Public Worship Program for next year was directed to arrange for a semi-centennial sermon by Edward McHugh.

On motion, the Conference Stewards were authorized to make monthly payments in the cases of certain Conference claimants.

Dr. Joseph Clark, of the State Sunday-school Association, was introduced, and spoke concerning that work.

Dr. A. P. George, representative of the Sunday-school Union, was introduced, and spoke briefly.

John Pearson presented the following paper, and it was adopted:

That the Committee on Program for the next session of this Conference be instructed to appoint a convenient hour for the presentation of the work of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association, and the Consecration of Deaconesses.

JNO. PEARSON.

Bishop Cranston called THE SEVENTH QUESTION: "*Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*" The following names were called: Fred J. Reinbarth, Wm. T. Gilliland, Jacob J. Hawk, and Lewis O. Hartman. The Bishop then addressed

the class and congregation upon the responsibilities and work of the ministry. The candidates were reported by the Presiding Elders and Examiners, and were admitted into Full Connection.

Wm. T. Gilliland and Jacob J. Hawk were elected to Deacons' Orders. Lewis O. Hartman was elected to Elder's Orders, and passed in all the studies. John J. Giblin and Charles J. Moore were continued on Trial and were left without appointment to attend school. George H. Pettingill was continued on Trial in the Studies of the First Year.

The ELEVENTH QUESTION: "*What Local Preachers have been Elected to Deacons' Orders?*" was called. Thomas S. King, recommended by the First Church, North Side, and Henry A. Faber, recommended by the Madison Avenue Quarterly Conference, were represented by the Elders and the Examining Committee, and elected to Deacons' Orders.

Norman O. Sweat, Jesse L. Corley, and Herbert R. Whiting were recommended by the Examiners, and elected to Deacons' Orders under the Seminary Rule.

The report of the Trustees of the Mears Bequest was presented by John Pearson, and it was ordered printed in the Minutes. (See page 243.)

A session was ordered for the afternoon at three o'clock, and Dr. A. B. Leonard was appointed to preside.

On motion of H. D. Ketcham, J. T. Bail and F. G. Mitchell were elected Conference Trustees, their term to expire in 1908, and C. M. VanPelt a Conference Trustee to succeed J. P. Porter, deceased, term expiring in 1906.

The session closed with the benediction by Bishop Cranston.

AFTERNOON.

AT three o'clock this afternoon, by appointment of the Bishop, A. B. Leonard called the Conference to order for the hearing of reports. The following reports were presented, adopted, and ordered published. That of the Publishing Committee by the Secretary, Sunday-school Union by W. C. Mitchell, and the Tract Society by W. B. Brown. The report of the Committee on Temperance was read by O. M. Sellers. After an hour's discussion the report was divided, upon the call of D. J.

Starr, and all except the eighth item was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

Item Eight, on motion of F. G. Mitchell, was amended by the addition of a certain part of the General Conference action concerning Temperance as found in the Discipline, and was then adopted with a single dissenting vote. The report as a whole was then adopted. (See page 239.)

On motion, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by W. A. Robinson.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, *September 11, 1905.*

THE devotional services were conducted this morning by W. J. Baker, and at nine o'clock Bishop Cranston took the chair.

The Minutes of Saturday's sessions were read and approved.

The Bishop announced the transfer of C. W. Blodgett to the Pittsburg Conference. Dr. Blodgett then made a few remarks expressive of his pleasant relations to this Conference. The transfer of Walter D. Cole from the Northwest Indiana Conference was also announced.

The nominations of the Bishop and the Cabinet for Triers of Appeals, Missionary Sermon, Memorial Sermon, for the Officers of the Conference Church Extension Society, the Boards for Church Location, and for the Home for the Aged, were made, and they were all confirmed. (See pages 140, 142.) Nominations for the Board of Control for Deaconess Work was referred back to the Presiding Elders for further consideration.

A. B. Leonard offered the following which was adopted:

WHEREAS, It is the purpose of Dr. Henderson to publish a volume of sermons at an early day; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we request Dr. Henderson to bring out the volume at as early a day as may be practicable, and to include in the same his Semi-centennial Sermon delivered before our Conference at this session, and we do hereby pledge ourselves to do what we can to promote the widest possible circulation of the volume.

W. F. Anderson, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Education, was introduced, and made brief remarks concerning the work of that Board.

The following, offered by Dr. Leonard, was adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, Dr. R. S. Rust, who has been a member of the Cincinnati Conference since 1858, and is now the bearer of our Conference Cane, will be ninety years of age September 12, 1905; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we congratulate our vénéable brother upon having attained to so great age, and that, although his natural strength is somewhat abated, his eye is still clear and his spirit youthful.

2. We rejoice in the great service he has rendered the Church of Christ, by his bold, aggressive, heroic opposition to human slavery in his early years, and his helpful service rendered to the negro race in later years, as the Corresponding Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

3. We hope God may still lengthen his days until he shall round out a full century of service on earth ere he joins the triumphant host in the country where age does not bring infirmity.

A. B. LEONARD, C. W. BLODGETT.

Dr. R. S. Rust, our Conference veteran, with strong voice and with glowing enthusiasm, made a most vigorous address.

The plan for memorial services next year, as outlined in the following paper, was presented by H. D. Ketcham, and was adopted:

We hereby express our approval of the plan for the memorial service observed upon the opening day of the Conference; viz., of having a memorial sermon, not to exceed thirty minutes, following the Sacrament on the opening day of the Conference Session, accompanied by three-minute memoirs of those who have died during the year, with the fuller memoirs printed in the Conference Minutes.

A suggestion from the Cabinet, concerning the Consolidation of our numerous Standing Committees, was presented. It was adopted, and the Committee on Nominations was instructed to prepare their report in conformity with this plan. (See page 142.)

Carey T. Crum requested the Conference to grant him a Superannuate relation. On the motion of his Presiding Elder, A. N. Spahr, the request was granted, and the Board of Stewards was directed to consider his claims. An expression of brotherly appreciation was given him in a collection which amounted to fifty-four dollars.

The FOURTH QUESTION was called: "*Who have been received on Trial?*" The recommendations of Howard E. Ganster, from the Franklin Park Quarterly Conference, Rock River Conference;

of Alfred Taylor, from the Tremont City Quarterly Conference, were presented, and they were admitted on Trial; Norman O. Sweat being duly recommended by the Port Union Quarterly Conference, was admitted on Trial in the Studies of the Third Year.

H. H. Compton and C. W. Sullivan, recent transfers to this Conference, were introduced. J. W. Magruder, and B. F. Dimmick, former members of this Conference, were introduced, and received hearty greetings from their former friends.

On motion, the Conference requested the Bishop to appoint three Conference Evangelists.

Bishop Cranston called A. B. Leonard to the chair.

The following concerning reports of old indebtedness was offered by V. F. Brown, and was adopted :

WHEREAS, The design of our published Minutes is to give the Church at large accurate information regarding the condition of each Church within our bounds; and

WHEREAS, At the present time there appears to be lack of uniformity among the pastors in preparing their Statistical Reports, thereby causing confusion in the minds of many; therefore,

Resolved, That this Conference requests the pastors to use the greatest care possible in preparing their reports; and that in the Statistical Table No. 3, in reporting the indebtedness on the property, said indebtedness, even though covered by subscription, shall be reported as indebtedness; or if this be not done, then no credits shall be recorded in the years following of amount paid on "old indebtedness."

F. G. MITCHELL,	A. B. LEONARD,
V. F. BROWN,	D. L. AULTMAN,
J. G. VAUGHAN,	S. O. ROYAL.
J. E. ABRAMS.	

A paper, numerously signed by the laymen of the Church, was presented by D. W. Clark, and as it was defensive of the character of one of our members who had been anonymously maligned, it was accepted by the Conference, and ordered placed on file with the Secretary.

The roll was called for subscriptions for Conference Minutes.

The report of the Committee on Lakeside was offered by F. G. Mitchell, and it was adopted, and ordered printed (see page 228).

The Conference Treasurer, C. W. Horn, made his report, and it was adopted, and was ordered printed (see page 208).

Dr. J. C. Floyd, Field Secretary of the Missionary Society, was introduced, and spoke a brief word to the Conference.

The Standing Committees were called in alphabetical order for the reading of their reports. The following were adopted and ordered printed:

On the American Bible Society, read by J. D. Darling; of the Auditing Committee, read by J. F. Laird (see page 219); on Church Extension, read by S. G. Pollard (see page 219); on Epworth League, by H. A. Armacost (see page 226); on Freedmen's Aid Society (see page 227); on Missions, by J. R. Hill (see page 233); on Public Morals, by J. B. Young (see page 235).

The reader of the report on Public Morals offered an addition to the report, which was accepted by a count vote of 57 to 16.

It was agreed by vote to adjourn to meet this afternoon at half past one o'clock.

The benediction was pronounced by A. B. Leonard.

AFTERNOON.

THE afternoon session was called to order by Dr. Leonard, at the appointment of Bishop Cranston. L. M. Davis led the devotions.

The following reports of Standing Committees were read, and adopted:

On Sabbath Observance, read by D. J. Starr (see page 237); on Church Insurance, by the Secretary (see page 220); on Periodicals and Book Accounts, by J. E. Abrams (see page 234); on Parsonages, by S. A. Stephan (see page 234).

The Board of Stewards offered their report, and they were permitted to print without reading, and to make private distribution of the funds.

E. S. Gaddis, Financial Agent for the Epworth Heights Camp-meeting, made a few remarks concerning the hopeful outlook for that camp-ground.

On motion of Gervaise Roughton, the report of the Committee on Deaconess Work was ordered printed without reading, and the recommendations therein contained were confirmed.

On motion of G. S. Easton, a collection amounting to \$16 was taken for the Sexton of the High Street Church.

The report of the Treasurer of the Preachers' Relief Society

was offered for printing in the Minutes, and leave was given to print.

D. W. Clark offered the following, and it was adopted :

Announcement of the Southern Ohio Missionary Institute, to be held in St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church, Cincinnati, September 18-20, 1905, has been placed in the hands of the members of this Conference.

In view of the importance of this enterprise, and the definite purpose of the Institute, which is to quicken and enrich the spiritual life of all who are in attendance, to bring a clearer vision of the world field, to definitely define and vitalize the personal relationship of young people to the missionary movement, to emphasize the place and importance of definite, persistent, and prevailing prayer, to encourage intelligent and systematic benevolence, to give practical methods for the use of leaders in their work in the home Church, and to prepare the delegates for more effective spiritual leadership in Christian service and missionary enterprises; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Conference expresses its hearty approval of the movement. Further be it

Resolved, That, as individual members of this Conference, we pledge our enthusiastic indorsement, our generous co-operation, and our fervent prayers; and be it further

Resolved, That, as far as possible, the members of this Conference will register as delegates and attend the Institute, and that earnest and faithful effort shall be made to secure a delegation of from three to five from the leaders in the work of the local Church, so that, in their life and through them in the life of the Church, the purpose of the Institute may be accomplished.

DAVIS W. CLARK,	C. W. BLODGETT,
H. C. WEAKLEY,	JESSE B. YOUNG,
G. W. DUBOIS,	A. N. SPAHR,
HEBER D. KETCHAM,	D. LEE AULTMAN.

Bishop Cranston took the chair.

The work of the Home for the Aged was presented by H. C. Weakley in an earnest and short address, and he was permitted to print a full statement of this work in the Minutes.

The report of the Deaconess Board not being in hand, John Pearson moved that this Conference approve the character and labors of the deaconesses therein recommended, and that the Secretary of the Board furnish for publication in the Minutes a copy of their report. This motion was adopted.

The Secretary of the Conference was also authorized to sign such licenses as the Board recommended. (For list of deaconesses see page 176.)

For Deaconess Board for next year the following nominations were accepted and confirmed: To serve three years, James

N. Gamble, E. L. McLean, Mrs. W. B. Shattuc; to serve two years, Rev. John A. Story, Robert Johnson, Mrs. J. M. Walden.

The Bishop was requested to make the following appointments: Guy P. Benton, President, and Arthur Powell, Professor, in the Miami University.

The following resolution was offered by A. B. Leonard, and adopted:

WHEREAS, The General Conference, at its late session, approved of the celebration of the India Jubilee, and of taking a special offering in all our Churches and Sunday-schools to be used in the great India Field; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Thoburn desires the services of Rev. J. G. Vaughan to aid in representing the Jubilee Fund; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we will observe the day that may be designated by the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society, by presenting the claims of our work in India, Malaysia, and the Philippine Islands, and take offerings in our congregations and Sunday-schools, and forward the same to the Treasurers of the Missionary Society;

2. That we request our Presiding Bishop to appoint Rev. J. G. Vaughan to assist in presenting the India Jubilee movement to our people.

A. B. LEONARD,

H. D. KETCHAM.

The Bishop announced the transfer of Arthur Powell from the Italy Conference, and of J. R. Troxell from the St. John's River Conference.

The Ordination Certificates were presented for record as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This Certifies, That on September 10, 1905, in Springfield, Ohio, I ordained Jacob J. Hawk, Fred J. Reinbarth, William T. Gilliland, Thomas S. King, and Henry A. Faber DEACONS; and on the same day and at the same place, assisted by Elders, I ordained Lewis O. Hartman and Asa J. Kestle ELDERS, according to the Ritual and Usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Springfield, Ohio, September 11, 1905.

Earl Cranston
Bishop.

On motion of D. W. Clark, S. A. Keen was granted a Supernumerary relation.

H. A. M. Henderson, Secretary of the Committee on Resolutions, read a characteristic report, and the several items were adopted. (See page 236.)

The following paper from the cabinet was read by D. W. Clark, and was ordered spread upon the journal.

The members of the Cabinet of the Cincinnati Annual Conference, on the eve of adjournment, desire to place upon record a minute concerning the administration of Bishop Cranston as President of the Conference.

Our unanimous sentiment, cordially expressed, is based upon the intimate relations which are incident to our office. We affirm that, in the number of hours given to Cabinet sessions, the hearings accorded both to laymen and ministers, the careful examination of the interests of pastors and Churches, the presidency of Bishop Cranston has not been surpassed by any of his distinguished predecessors in this office.

On motion of D. W. Clark, the Bishop was requested to appoint E. S. Gaddis, Financial Agent of the Cincinnati Camp-meeting Association, J. E. Gilbert Secretary of the American Society of Religious Education, and E. J. Moore Superintendent of the Anti-saloon League in Ohio.

The motion of F. G. Mitchell, that the Committee on Program next year be instructed to provide for the anniversary of the Preachers' Relief Society was carried, and the Committee was so instructed.

All the business of this session having been concluded, A. B. Leonard moved that, after the reading of the journal, and such religious services, and the reading of the Appointments, the Conference stand adjourned *sine die*; and the motion prevailed.

The Secretary read the journal for to-day, and it was approved.

Bishop Cranston announced the hymn, "I love Thy kingdom, Lord." J. B. Young led in prayer. The Bishop announced the Appointments for next year, and at 4.15 o'clock the Conference adjourned, to meet next year in Eaton, Ohio; date not named.

Earl Cranston

Bishop Presiding.

S. O. Royal

Secretary.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?

James E. McGee, from the Virginia; Harrison H. Compton, from the North Indiana; George Gable, from the Puget Sound; Charles W. Sullivan, from the Central Ohio; William F. Martin, from the St. Louis; and *George H. Pettingill* (Probationer), from the Troy Conference; Herbert Welch, from the New York East; Walter D. Cole, from the Northwest Indiana; Elmer E. Powell, from Italy; J. R. Troxell, from St. John's River.

2. Who have been Readmitted?

None.

3. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?

None.

4. Who have been Received on Trial?

(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—*Howard E. Ganster, Alfred Taylor.*

(b) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—*Norman O. Sweat.*

5. Who have been Continued on Trial?

(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—*William F. Clark, Benjamin H. Lewis, Chas. J. Moore, John J. Giblin, Geo. H. Pettingill.*

(b) IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR.—*Jesse L. Corley, Clark L. Gowdy, Bert E. Smith, Purdy L. Van Wicklen, Herbert R. Whiting, Edgar S. Jackson.*

(c) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—None.

(d) IN STUDIES OF FOURTH YEAR.—*George F. Barber, William L. Boicourt, George W. Keen, Dudley Matthews.*

6. Who have been Discontinued?

Edward W. Lutterman.

7. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?

(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR.—*Jacob J. Hawk, Fred J. Reinbarth, William T. Gilliland.*

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY.—*Lewis O. Hartman.*

8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?

(a) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR.—*Fred J. Reinbarth, Wm. T. Gilliland, Jacob J. Hawk.*

(b) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY.—None.

9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?

James M. Bailey, Wm. E. Verity.

10. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?

(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR.—*Asa J. Kestle, Lewis O. Hartman.*

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS PREVIOUSLY.—None.

11. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

(a) AS LOCAL PREACHERS.—*Thomas S. King, Henry A. Faber.*

(b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

(c) UNDER SEMINARY RULE.—*Norman O. Sweat, Jesse L. Corley, Herbert R. Whiting.*

12. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

(a) AS LOCAL DEACONS.—None.

(b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

(c) UNDER SEMINARY RULE.—None.

13. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*

It was.

14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*

John J. McCabe, to the Central Ohio; John H. McNary, to the North Indiana; Charles W. Blodgett, to the Pittsburg Conference.

15. *Who have Died?*

Wm. N. Maxey, Geo. W. Fee, D. A. McCollm, J. P. Porter, A. C. Turrell.

16. *Who have been Located at their Own Request?*

William W. Reeves.

17. *Who have been Located?*

None.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?*

None.

19. *Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints.*

None.

20. *Who have been Expelled?*

None.

21. *What other Personal Notation should be made?*

None.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

E. T. Wells, G. H. Dart, I. R. Marshall, Charles Hartley, W. G. Warner, John Wilson, F. M. Clemans, E. L. Hollingsworth, S. A. Keen.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

J. F. Hull, J. G. Black, M. P. Zink, S. W. Carey, S. W. Edmiston, W. H. Sutherland, L. F. Young, S. B. Smith, W. M. West, L. O. Deputy, J. H. Davis, C. H. Kalbfus, Howard A. M. Henderson, J. S. Ruggles, S. N. Marsh, T. E. Fidler, H. M. Keck, G. M. Edgar, John Vance, T. J. Harris, E. P. James, J. W. Hickman, J. T. Bail, W. P. Jackson, J. R. Hunter, Sylvester Weeks, C. J. Wells, J. McK. Shultz, C. D. Munsey, W. W. Ramsay, R. E. Smith, G. L. Travis, Edward McHugh, C. T. Crum.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

C. M. Van Pelt, J. W. Peters, A. T. Cowgill, W. A. Deaton, Edmund Burdsall.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this Year?*

Full members, 53,217; increase, 611. Probationers, 1,866; increase, 221. See Table.

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer.*

\$62,617. Increase, \$5,736.

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

\$12,425.

28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

Received, \$9,458. (See Report, Board of Stewards, page 205.)

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

(See Appointments, page 170.)

30. *Where shall the Next Conference be held?*

Eaton, Ohio.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION.

Springfield, Ohio, September 11, 1905.

The Reports and Proceedings herewith published were adopted by the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session held September 6-11, 1905, in this city. By the rules of the Conference, these printed Minutes, together with all the Reports, were made the Official Record of its Proceedings.

Earl Cranston

Bishop Presiding.

S. O. Royal

Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS.

N. B.—1. Post-office, when different from appointment, inserted in parentheses. 2. In appointments where there are two places, the first is the post-office. 3. Supplies in brackets. 4. Numerals at right hand indicate the years of service entered upon.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

DAVIS W. CLARK, Presiding Elder, 6.
220 W. Fourth St., Cincinnati, O.

AVONDALE CHARGE:

Avondale, . . . C. E. Schenk, 1.
Pleasant Ridge, . J. E. McGee, 1.
Bond Hill, . . . J. L. Corley, 2.
Carthage and Reading,
G. F. Barber, 2.

CENTRAL CITY CHARGE:

Christie, . . . L. O. Hartman, 1.
Asbury, . . . W. L. Boicourt, 1.
York Street, . . . O. L. Utter, 3.
Finley, . . . J. L. Duckwall, 1.
East Pearl St., . S. G. Pollard, 2.
Clifton, . . . J. W. Peters, 1.
Columbia, . . . G. H. Smith, 2.
Delta Avenue, . . J. P. Ninde, 4.
Elmwood Place and Camp Wash-
ington, . . . T. D. Moore, 2.
Fairmount, . . . F. M. Kirgan, 8.
First Church, Northside,
A. L. Brokaw, 4.

Linwood and Madison Ave.,
W. H. Spybey, 1.
McKendree, . . . J. A. White, 2.
Mt. Auburn, . . J. A. Geissinger, 5.
Mt. Lookout, . . O. P. Hoffman, 1.
Price Hill, . . E. M. Ellsworth, 3.
Riverside, . . . J. D. Darling, 2.
St. Paul, . . . W. D. Cole, 1.
Trinity, . . . M. B. Fuller, 5.
Walnut Hills, . . J. B. Young, 6.
Wesley, . . . G. Roughton, 9.

WESTWOOD CHARGE:

Westwood, . . . J. A. Story, 1.
Groesbeck, Asbury, and
Ebenezer, J. R. Troxell, 1.
Miami, Mt. Hope, and Dent,
W. E. Verity, 1.
Winton Place, . . J. E. Thomas, 1.
Addyston, . . . [C. Harold Clerke.]
Cleves and Harrison, . C. W. Horn, 1.
Delhi, . . . J. R. Colley, 5.
Hartwell, . . . F. G. Mitchell, 4.
Lockland-Wyoming, W. L. Y. Davis, 6.

Madisonville, . . . S. O. Royal, 3.

NORWOOD:

First Church, . . . J. E. Beery, 6.
Grace, . . . C. C. Peale, 1.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

H. D. KETCHAM, . Presiding Elder, 5.
P. O. 631 Grand Ave., Dayton, O
Bethany, . . . G. M. Hammell, 1.
Camden, . . . S. B. Timmons, 3.
Centerville, . . . A. D. Maddox, 2.

DAYTON:

Broadway, . . . A. K. Stabler, 1.
Grace, . . . H. C. Jameson, 4.
Homestead Ave.,
[Clarence Grauser.]

Raper, . . . V. F. Brown, 2.
Riverdale, . . . E. W. Serl, 2.
St. Paul, . D. G. Latshaw, 1, and
J. R. Gilliland, 2.

Trinity, . . . O. M. Sellers, 3.

Eaton and West Alexandria,
W. A. Wiant, 3.

Ebenezer and Woodward,
Norman O. Sweat, 1.

Fairhaven and Sugar Valley,
W. T. Gilliland, 2.

Fairfield . . . [Charles Dowdy.]

Fort Jefferson, . . [D. S. Ferguson.]

Franklin, . . . Creighton Wones, 4.

Germantown, . . . J. J. Hawk, 2.

Gordon, . . . [M. M. Markwith.]

HAMILTON:

First Church, . . . A. B. Austin, 1.

Lindenwald, . . C. P. Pumphrey, 1.

Lewisburg and Brookville,
Geo. W. Keen, 1.

Miamisburg, . . . S. W. Bell, 3.

Middletown, . . W. E. Hammaker, 2.

Monroe, . . . J. A. Jenkinson, 3.

New Paris, . . . Henry Hershey, 1.

Osborn, . . . F. Leever, 3.

Oxford, . . . C. M. Van Pelt, 4.

Port Union and Glendale (Stock-
ton P. O.), G. P. Austin, 1.

Red Lion and Merrittstown,
D. W. C. Washburn, 2.

Seven Mile, . . . J. W. Patton, 1.

Appointments.

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Springboro and Lytle,
 Dudley Matthews, 1.
 Venice (Ross P. O.), W. D. English, 2.
 Walker and Union, G. H. Pettingill, 2.
 West Carrollton, . . . J. W. Gaddis, 5.
 West Chester, . . . C. L. Gowdy, 1.
 West Elkton, . . . [A. A. McGinnis.]
 West Milton, . . . T. G. Williams, 1.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

D. LEE AULTMAN, Presiding Elder, 1.
 P. O. Station 1, Cincinnati, O.

Belfast, B. E. Smith, 2.
 Blanchester, G. W. Vorhis, 5.
 Bowersville, . . . P. L. Van Wicklen, 2.
 Centerfield, To be Supplied.
 Clarksville, H. H. Compton, 2.
 Greenfield, George Gable, 2.
 Highland, J. R. Hill, 3.
 Hillsboro, W. A. Deaton, 3.
 Jamestown, C. L. Conger, 1.
 Leesburg, G. S. Easton, 3.
 Loveland, L. M. Davis, 2.
 Lynchburg, C. W. Briggs, 3.
 Maineville, W. S. Gray, 3.
 Martinsville, [H. S. Alkire.]
 Morrow, E. T. Lane, 3.
 New Burlington, . . . O. D. Becker, 2.
 New Jasper, C. L. Chapman, 2.
 New Vienna, J. H. Lease, 1.
 Pleasant Plain, . . . [Joseph Shepard.]
 Rainsboro, J. E. H. Sentman, 1.
 Sabina, W. M. Coffman, 2.
 Sinking Spring, . . . [J. V. Morris.]
 South Lebanon, . . . [H. W. Brown.]
 Sugar Tree Ridge, . . [T. M. Scarff.]
 Union (Spring Valley P. O.),
 W. M. Patton, 3.

Waynesville, Philip Trout, 2.
 Wilmington, J. S. Pumphrey, 4.

XENIA:

First Church, E. H. Cherington, 2.
 Trinity, R. H. Rust, 4.

MILFORD DISTRICT.

A. N. SPAHR, . . Presiding Elder, 4.
 P. O., Milford, O.

Aberdeen, W. F. Martin, 2.
 Amelia, G. R. Frenger, 2.
 Batavia, Edmund Burdsall, 1.

Bethel, D. S. Ewry, 1.
 Branch Hill, [G. G. Lewis.]
 Chilo, [A. E. Huntington.]
 Decatur, J. A. Winkler, 1.
 Dunkinsville, To be Supplied.
 Feesburg, [G. W. O'Neill.]
 Felicity, W. J. Baker, 3.
 Georgetown, T. W. Salt, 1.
 Goshen, G. M. Fulton, 3.
 Laurel, W. E. Spurrier, 4.
 Lebanon, W. A. Cooper, 2.
 Manchester, L. A. Washburn, 1.
 Marathon, [W. E. Shriver.]
 Mason, W. E. Putt, 3.
 Milford, M. LeSourd, 6.
 Moscow, John Phillips, 1.
 Mount Orab, [H. O. Collins.]
 Mount Washington, . B. H. Lewis, 1.
 Mulberry, To be Supplied.
 New Richmond, . . . W. J. Dunham, 4.
 Newtown, T. P. Walter, 3.
 Owensville, W. B. Brown, 2.
 Peebles, Jonathan Verity, 1.
 Ripley, H. W. Bailey, 3.
 Summerside, A. G. Newton, 2.
 West Union, W. C. Mitchell, 3.
 Williamsburg, Andrew Hamilton, 1.
 Williamsburg Circuit,
 [H. Culbertson.]

Winchester and Seamans,
 J. M. Bailey, 2.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

GEO. W. DUBOIS, Presiding Elder, 2.
 P. O., Springfield, O.

Arcanum, S. W. Campbell, 3.
 Brandt, W. K. Brown, 1.
 Catawba, J. L. Dalbey, 2.
 Cedarville, H. C. Middleton, 4.
 Christiansburg, . . . F. J. Reinbarth, 1.
 Concord and Westville,
 R. S. McColm, 1.
 Covington, O. L. Seward, 2.
 Dialton, J. F. Laird, 2.
 Greenville, C. W. Elliott, 1.
 King's Creek, . . . [A. J. Sunderland.]
 Mechanicsburg, . . . C. H. Haines, 3.
 Mutual, Thomas Cundy, 2.
 New Carlisle, C. L. Myers, 1.
 New Moorefield, . . . J. C. Eckles, 1.

PIQUA:

Grace, H. E. Armacost, 1.
 Greene St., . . . R. J. Wyckoff, 5.
 South Charleston, . A. T. Cowgill, 4.

SPRINGFIELD:

Central, A. W. Leonard, 1.
 Clifton Ave., . . . H. G. Curless, 3.
 Grace, To be Supplied.
 High Street, . . E. P. Edmonds, 1.
 St. Paul, . . . J. F. Chenoweth, 1.

Tippecanoe City, . S. A. Stephan, 1.
 Tremont City, . . Alfred Taylor, 2.
 Troy, W. H. Wehrly, 2.
 Troy Circuit, . . . J. F. McColm, 1.

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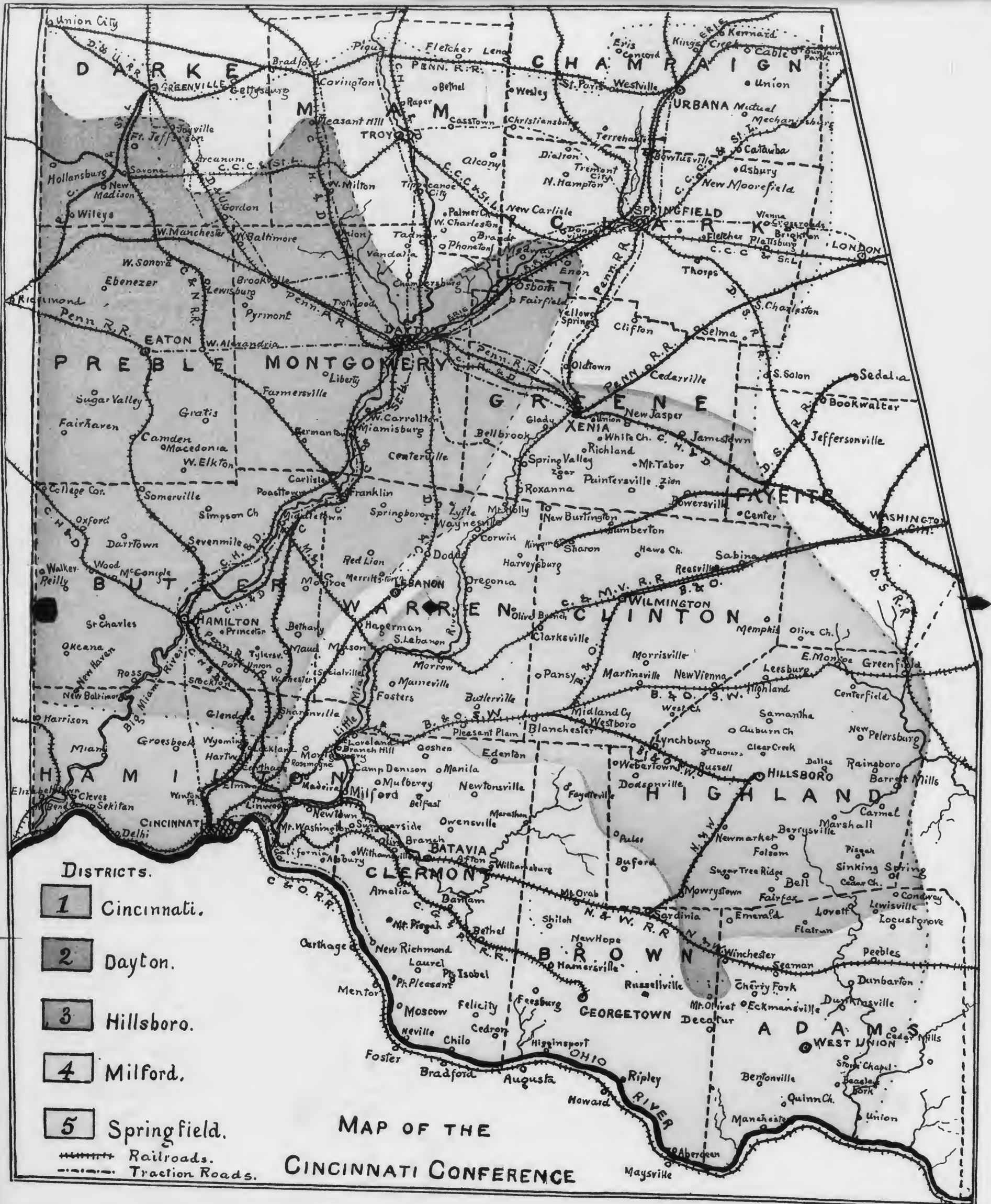
First Church, . . J. E. Abrams, 3.
 Grace, C. W. Sullivan, 2.
 Vienna Cross Roads, To be Supplied.
 Yellow Springs, . . B. D. Hypes, 4.

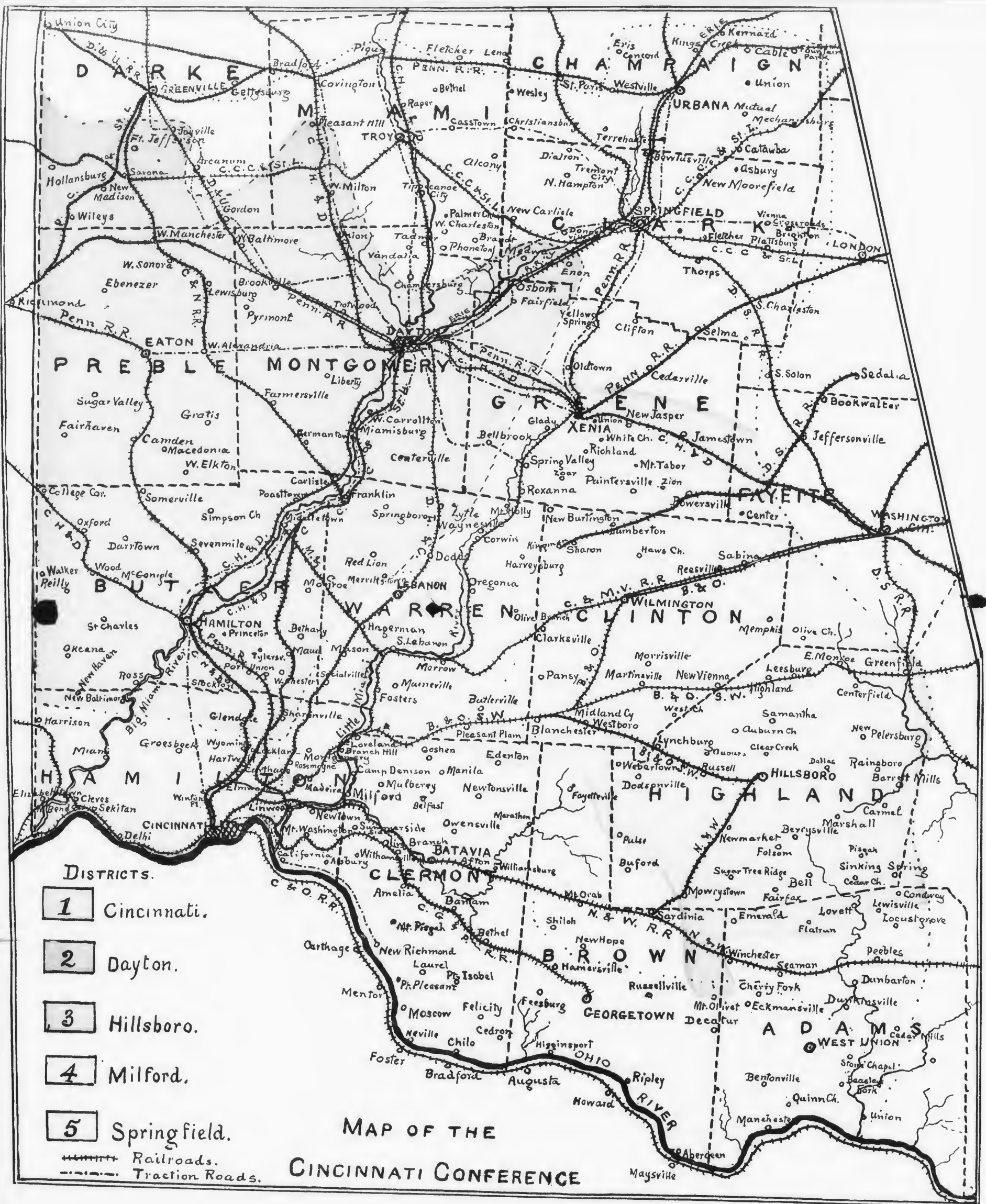
WITHOUT APPOINTMENT, TO ATTEND SCHOOL.

Herbert R. Whiting, Mt. Auburn (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
Asa J. Kestle, Rainsboro Quarterly Conference.
Edgar S. Jackson, Sinking Spring Quarterly Conference.
Chas. J. Moore, Highland Quarterly Conference.
Howard L. Torbet, Grace (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.
John J. Giblin, Williamsburg Quarterly Conference.
Howard E. Ganster, Broadway (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.
William F. Clark, Troy Circuit Quarterly Conference.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

- R. S. Rust, Honorary Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, St. Paul (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
- H. C. Weakley, President of the Methodist Home for the Aged, Avondale (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
- J. E. Gilbert, General Secretary of the American Society of Religious Education, Asbury (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
- D. J. Starr, Chaplain Ohio Penitentiary, Trinity (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
- M. M. Kugler, Instructor in Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home, Westwood Quarterly Conference.
- John Pearson, Field Agent of American Bible Society, Clifton (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
- W. A. Robinson, Corresponding Secretary of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital Association, Trinity (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
- J. L. Glascock, Conference Evangelist, Mt. Lookout (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
- E. J. Moore, Assistant Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, Walnut Hills (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
- W. P. Thirkield, Secretary Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, Franklin Quarterly Conference.
- G. P. Benton, President Miami University, Oxford Quarterly Conference.
- U. G. Humphrey, State Superintendent for Indiana of the Anti-Saloon League, Middletown Quarterly Conference.
- H. G. Scudday, Conference Evangelist, Middletown Quarterly Conference.
- J. A. Easton, Field Agent of Preachers' Relief Society of the Cincinnati Conference, Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
- A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, Greene Street (Piqua) Quarterly Conference.
- C. W. Rishell, Professor in Boston School of Theology, Central Church (Springfield) Quarterly Conference.
- F. C. English, President Moores Hill College, Moores Hill, Ind., Columbia (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
- J. G. Vaughan, Field Agent of the India Jubilee Fund, Missionary Society, St. Paul (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.
- J. L. Shively, Missionary to New Mexico.





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E. S. Gaddis, Financial Agent Cincinnati Camp Meeting Association, Madisonville Quarterly Conference.

Elmer E. Powell, Professor in Miami University, Member of Oxford Quarterly Conference.

Herbert Welch, President of Ohio Wesleyan University, St. Paul's (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS.

N. B.—Figures after the names indicate the number of years of effective service, those before the number of years in present relation.

4. E. T. Wells, 35, Toledo, O.
3. G. H. Dart, 47, Hamilton, O.
3. I. R. Marshall, 10, . . . Dayton, O.
3. Charles Hartley, 12, . . Delaware, O.
2. W. G. Warner, 14, . . . Cleveland, O.
2. John Wilson, 34, . . . New Vienna, O.
2. F. M. Clemans, 38, . . . Washington C. H., O.
2. E. L. Hollingsworth, 10, Mulberry, O.
1. S. A. Keen, Delaware, O.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

- S. N. Marsh, 13, Fresno, Cal.
- J. F. Hull, 17, Rowland, Ala.
- T. E. Fidler, 30, Upper Sandusky, Quarterly Conference.
- J. G. Black, 37, New Carlisle Quarterly Conference.
- H. M. Keck, 32, St. Paul's (Toledo) Quarterly Conference.
- M. P. Zink, 40, Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
- G. M. Edgar, 34, Troy Quarterly Conference.
- John Vance, 35, New Moorefield Quarterly Conference.
- S. W. Carey, 19, Grace (Urbana) Quarterly Conference.
- T. J. Harris, 29, Norwood Quarterly Conference.
- S. W. Edmiston, 33, . . . Sugar Tree Ridge Quarterly Conference.
- E. P. James, 38, Delaware, O., William St. Quarterly Conference.
- W. H. Sutherland, 55, . . Wyoming, O.
- J. W. Hickman, 14, . . . Delaware, O.
- L. F. Young, 23, Georgetown Quarterly Conference.
- J. T. Bail, 49, Norwood Quarterly Conference.
- S. B. Smith, 45, R. R. No. 4, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- W. P. Jackson, 33, Blanchester Quarterly Conference.
- W. M. West, 27, Newtown Quarterly Conference.
- J. R. Hunter, 29, Lebanon Quarterly Conference.
- L. O. Deputy, 18, Madisonville, Cincinnati.
- Sylvester Weeks, 37, . . . Pensacola, Fla.
- J. H. Davis, 26, Rainsboro, O.
- C. J. Wells, 25, Norfolk, Va., Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
- C. H. Kalbfus, 30, Yellow Springs.
- J. McK. Shultz, 41, . . . New Carlisle.
- C. D. Munsey, 24, Cleveland, Tenn.
- Howard Henderson, 47, . Hartwell, O.
- W. W. Ramsay, 39, Winchester, O., St. Paul (Cincinnati) Q. C.
- J. S. Ruggles, 28, E. Pearl St. (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
- R. E. Smith, Osborn, O., Quarterly Conference.
- G. L. Travis, Lewisburg Quarterly Conference.
- Edward McHugh, Fairmount (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
- C. T. Crum, Mt. Washington Quarterly Conference.

III.

Directory.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

NAME.	BORN.	ENTERED MINISTRY.		Consecrated Bishop...	RESIDENCE.
		CONFERENCE.	Yr.		
Thomas Bowman.....	July 15, 1817	Baltimore.....	1839	1872	East Orange, N. J.
Stephen Mason Merrill.....	Sept. 16, 1825	Ohio.....	1846	1872	Chicago, Ill.
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Henry White Warren.....	Jan. 4, 1831	New England.....	1855	1880	Univer'y Park, Colo.
Cyrus David Foss.....	Jan. 17, 1834	New York.....	1857	1880	Philadelphia, Pa.
John Morgan Walden.....	Feb. 11, 1831	Cincinnati.....	1858	1884	Cincinnati, O.
Willard Francis Mallalieu.....	Dec. 11, 1828	New England.....	1858	1884	Auburndale, Mass.
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Daniel Ayres Goodsell.....	Nov. 5, 1840	N. Y. East.....	1859	1888	Boston, Mass.
*James Mills Thoburn.....	Mar. 7, 1836	Pittsburg.....	1858	1888	Bombay, India.
Charles C. McCabe.....	Oct. 11, 1836	Ohio.....	1860	1896	Philadelphia, Pa.
Earl Cranston.....	June 27, 1840	Ohio.....	1867	1896	Washington, D. C.
*Joseph C. Hartzell.....	June 1, 1842	Illinois.....	1867	1896	Funchal, Madeiral Isl.
*Frank W. Warne.....	Dec. 31, 1854	Ontario.....	1874	1900	Lucknow, India.
David H. Moore.....	Sept. 4, 1837	Ohio.....	1860	1900	Portland, Ore.
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b. ASSIGNMENT OF BOOKS AND STUDIES.

Section 1. W. A. ROBINSON.—Lectures on Homiletics, *Kern*; Essays and Books to be read, Class of the Fourth Year.

Section 2. C. M. VAN PELT.—Short History of the English People, *Green*; Life and Epistles of St. Paul, *Conybeare and Howson*; Essays and Books to be read, of Candidates for Admission.

Section 3. A. B. AUSTIN.—A Manual of Christian Evidence, *Row*; Sermons and Books to be read, Class of the First Year; Sermons and Books to be read, Class of the Third Year.

Section 4. J. A. STORY.—Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief, *Fisher*; Analogy of Religion, *Butler*.

Section 5. W. L. Y. DAVIS.—Lessons in Logic, *Jevons*; Essentials of Argumentation, *McEwen*; Essays and Books to be read, Class of Second Year.

Section 6. J. E. ABRAMS.—Outlines of Universal History, *Fisher*; The Land of Israel, *Stewart*; Plain Account of Christian Perfection, *Wesley*.

Section 7. D. G. LATSHAW.—Christian Ethics, *Smyth*; Student's American History, *Montgomery*; Introduction to New Testament, *Dods*.

Section 8. J. A. GEISSINGER.—Biblical Hermeneutics, *Terry*; One Thousand Questions on Methodism, *Wheeler*; Sermons and Essays of Local Preachers.

Section 9. W. H. WEHRLY.—Systematic Theology, *Miley*; Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience, *Merrill*; Christian Baptism, *Merrill*.

Section 10. J. A. WHITE.—English Branches, 1, 2, 3. John Wesley the Methodist, A Biography; Systematic Theology, *Raymond*.

Section 11. G. H. SMITH.—Outlines of Descriptive Psychology, *Ladd*; Sermons of Candidates for Admission; Books read by Local Preachers.

Section 12. S. W. BELL.—Introduction to the Holy Scriptures, *Harmon*; A Manual of Christian Doctrine, *J. S. Banks*; Short History of the Christian Church, *Hurst*; A History of Methodism (Abridged), *Stevens*.

Section 13. M. B. FULLER.—History of the Christian Church, *Hurst*; Theological Compend, *Binney*; A Manual of Bible History, *Blaikie*.

Section 14. F. G. MITCHELL.—Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1904; Digest of Methodist Law (Edition of 1900), *Merrill*.

c. EXAMINATIONS.

Examinations will be held, at places to be named by the Chairman, on the first Thursday in December, 1905, and on the last Thursday in June, 1906, and at the seat of Conference, at 9 A. M., the day before the Conference session of 1906.

Examinations in December will be in:

FIRST YEAR.—Homiletics, *Kern*; Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1904 (Parts 1-5).

SECOND YEAR.—Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1904 (Part 6 to end); Short History of the English People, *Green*.

THIRD YEAR.—Outlines of Universal History, *Fisher* (Parts I and II); History of the Christian Church, Vol. I., *Hurst*; Written Sermon.

FOURTH YEAR.—History of the Christian Church, Vol. II, *Hurst*; Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief, *Fisher*.

RULES FOR EXAMINATIONS.

1. New lists of questions shall be prepared for each regular examination, and each list shall be properly folded for filing, and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the examiner.

2. The maximum number of questions on any branch shall be twenty; the minimum, ten.

3. Each examiner shall retain one copy of his own questions.

4. At all examinations the paper used shall be of letter size and of good quality.

5. The answers given on any study shall be folded and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the student.

6. At the close of an examination, the examiner in charge shall at once send all lists of questions to the Chairman of the Board.

7. The examiner in charge shall seal each envelope containing answers to questions, address it to the proper examiner, and permit the student to stamp and mail it.

8. Each examiner shall send grades promptly to the registrar and to the student.

9. Grades recorded by the registrar shall not be changed, except with the consent of the Board.

10. No student securing a grade of 70 per cent or more shall be re-examined.

11. The examiner shall retain all papers of undergraduates until the student has completed the course.

The attention of all undergraduates is called to Paragraph 63, Sections 1 and 3, on page 431 of the Discipline of 1904.

d. CLASSES.

NOTE:—Those printed in *Italics* are *Deacons*; in *Small Caps* are *ELDERS*; others are unordained.

STUDIES.	ON TRIAL. FIRST YEAR.	CONTINUED ON TRIAL.	MEMBERS.
FIRST YEAR.	Howard E. Ganster. <i>Alfred Taylor.</i>	William F. Clark. John J. Giblin. Charles J. Moore. Benjamin H. Lewis. George H. Pettingill.	
SECOND YEAR.		<i>Jesse L. Corley.</i> Bert E. Smith. Clark L. Gowdy. Purdy L. Van Wicklen Edgar S. Jackson. <i>Herbert R. Whiting.</i>	
THIRD YEAR.	Norman O. Sweat.		<i>Fred J. Reinbarth.</i> <i>William T. Gilliland.</i> <i>Jacob J. Hawk.</i>
FOURTH YEAR.		<i>George F. Barber.</i> <i>William L. Boicourt.</i> <i>Dudley Matthews.</i> <i>George W. Keen.</i>	<i>James M. Bailey.</i> WILLIAM E. VERITY.

V.

Reports.

A.

PRESIDING ELDERS.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

DAVIS W. CLARK, Presiding Elder.

THE historian of the Crimean War, Kinglake, has aptly said: "The utterance of mere praise is a lazy and futile method of attempting to do justice to worth. The cheap, sugared words are quickly forgotten and nothing remains." If I could take the ministers of the Cincinnati District, one by one—and minutely explain the environment of each—the peculiar local history and condition of the Church, congregation, and neighborhood which each serves—and the progress made in each instance, it would not be necessary for me to loot the dictionary for adjectives in praise of what has been accomplished. The story would in itself be a superlative commendation, and the minister would have his fame. But this is impossible. To describe at all adequately the ministerial services of thirty-seven pastors during the year is confessedly impracticable. Thirty-seven minutes would not suffice to even summarize an aggregate of thirty-seven years of pastoral toil. I very regretfully forego the effort.

It would be manifestly an unfair discrimination to mention only those whose toil has produced the largest results, monetary and numerical. No one would deprecate it more quickly than those who have made such achievements. Some small fields take more gift and grit than some large ones. Small results signify more in one case than large ones in the other. Besides, much of the minister's work defies tabulation. It is a distinct and considerable contribution to the ethical and social betterment, although to describe the ways and foot up the results with precision is impossible. It should be sufficient to say that the ministers of the district have been good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

It gives me peculiar pleasure to report another substantial advance in ministerial support. The annual gain (not including house-rent) may be indicated in round numbers as follows: 1901, \$35,000; 1902, \$37,000; 1903, \$39,000; 1904, \$41,000; 1905, \$43,000 (not including support of city missionaries, reported for the first time this year). The total gain in five years is \$8,000. The very steadiness of the growth proves that there is nothing meretricious in the returns. This is one of the things for which this eldership has stood. Increased salary relieves the minister from the imputation of belonging to a mendicant "class." He needs no donation. He asks no concession on account of his cloth. He is a man among men.

With the savings made possible by an adequate salary he can educate his children and provide for the future. By the same means young men can pay debts incurred in the obtaining of an education, and all can have those indispensable tools of a minister's trade—current literature and a working library—besides coming into stimulating contact, as all ought to do, with the Summer Schools of Theology.

This gratifying gain in ministerial support is closely related to two other achievements of the ministers and communicants of this district. I refer to the successful liquidation of the entire mortgage indebtedness under the Twentieth Century Thank-offering Commission. By this means an annual bill for interest, amounting to upwards of \$2,500, has stopped, and this amount flows easily into the current expense fund. On the other hand the "Westwood Plan," under which eight ministers and thirteen Churches of the district are now operated, has put new life into several moribund societies. A gain of about \$2,500 per annum can be placed to the credit of the "plan," which amount is about to be largely increased. The ministers of the district have now undertaken a vigorous campaign against the floating indebtedness, and the burning of canceled notes for the same has begun. Extensive repairs, betterments, and refurnishings are either in progress, or will soon be undertaken. Our churches and parsonages are ceasing to be receptacles for out-of-style furniture—slippery haircloth divans with infirm legs, plush chairs whose crude colors have only been subdued by the attritions of age, and marble-slabbed tables, cold to the touch as a tombstone. The church in which we are privileged to hold this session is an object-lesson to us as ministers, and visiting laymen of our charges. Harmony in color, outline, and proportion are here. Principles of sanitation as well as of æsthetics have been here observed. A church, aside from the housing of a congregation, is, and should be, a monument to religion. This church would delight the eye of John Ruskin, who coveted one such for every town in England.

One of the great, well-equipped denominational hospitals of Cincinnati closed its doors for lack of support during the year, to the regret of all. Such a fate can not overtake our own Christ Hospital while Dr. William A. Robinson continues to represent it, and while its munificent benefactors survive. One thousand and ninety-eight patients, coming from one hundred and fifty towns in Ohio and from fourteen other States, were treated during the year.

The Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home continues its great and varied ministries.

The Glenn Industrial Home is in the fourteenth year of its remarkably useful history, maintaining as it does a Boarding Department, Kindergarten, Kitchengarten, and a dozen other departments.

There have been a number of Methodist events of which official note should be made:

The reopening of St. Paul Church, our stately cathedral—renovated and beautified—at a cost of \$14,000, Charles W. Blodgett pastor.

The dedication of our new church at Norwood, a happy combination of the useful and beautiful, valued at \$22,000. James E. Beery, pastor.

The second reopening of Trinity Church after the disaster of its unroofing. Marcellus B. Fuller, pastor.

The dedication of the rebuilt pipe organ and the memorial windows in Walnut Hills Church, valued at \$4,000. Jesse Bowman Young, pastor.

The jubilee at First Church, Northside, over its complete emancipation from debt—mortgage and floating. Lincoln Brokaw, pastor.

The note-burning at York Street, in which the canceled evidence of obligation was destroyed. Oliver L. Utter, pastor.

The delightful reunion of the seven Churches of the Westwood Charge on the Harvest Home grounds, with an address by President Welch.

The laying of the corner-stone of the Methodist Home for the Aged

at College Hill, a civic as well as ecclesiastical event of first importance. For the projecting of this great eleemosynary foundation honor is due to Dr. H. C. Weakley.

And last. The great convocation in Music Hall of over five thousand Methodists and their friends to greet the new resident bishop of Cincinnati, Bishop Spellmeyer, and to receive the first message from his lips.

The young life of the Church within the district is efficiently organized with Junior and Senior Epworth Leagues. Under the Station Plan the League is undertaking to pay the salary of the Rev. Dr. J. N. West, president of the Reid College, Lucknow, India.

The Cincinnati Missionary Society has carried on its city evangelism more vigorously than ever. It has five stations, and one splendid portable



NORWOOD METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

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The report of the Statistical Secretary of the Conference will indicate a satisfactory monetary and numerical condition in the case of the Cincinnati District. The total offerings to the Parent Missionary Society are \$9,288, almost a dollar apiece for each communicant, and an advance over last year of \$1,557. The next largest gain is that of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which reports an increase of \$1,495, partly in estimated value of supplies. There is a slight advance in Freedmen's Aid and Church Extension offerings. The Tract Society holds its own, while the Education Fund, Bible Society, and Woman's Foreign Missionary Society seem to have lost. The total valuation of Church property is \$864,500, being an increase of \$32,200, from which, however, should be

deducted \$9,500, the value of the City Missionary chapels not previously reported. The present indebtedness is \$12,850, believed to be provided for, but incurred since the liquidation by the Twentieth Century Thank-offering Commission. Six hundred probationers have been received, an increase of 180 over last year. The enrollment of members in full connection is 9,671, showing a gain of 707. From this should be deducted the membership of the mission churches, not previously reported, which will leave a net gain of 400. There is an enrollment in Sunday-schools of 7,626, with an average attendance of 5,365. The current expense of maintaining the schools is \$5,694. There have been reports of 600 conversions.

Every Quarterly Conference of the district has voted in favor of the proposition, "General Conference, Cincinnati, 1908," and there will be great satisfaction when it is known that the Cincinnati Conference has unanimsously and enthusisastically concurred.

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Now we are in the study of an applied Gospel, whose problems, though less forensic, are more personal, and whose proof lies in the wider vision, and firmer grasp of the world's greater needs. The work of the ministry is the practical redemption of the race, and our duty is gauged by the influence we exert upon the arc of the great circle that measures our contact with it. All forces and factors in the world's problems shou'd concern us. We should blaze moral paths for the secular world. No Church will lead men whose ministers can not divine the times, and like the ancient prophet outrun the chariot of the civic king.

What we want in the ministry to-day is strong, stalwart, manly men, whose thought is abreast of the age, whose feet stand two square on the proven truth of the centuries, whose brows are washed with the sunlight, whose unflinching belief in the Gospel awakens the quenchless passion to save men, and whose adaptation to leadership is sealed by a "thus saith" the Almighty.

I. Let us take a bird's-eye view of the field, with its thirty-six charges and seventy-seven churches.

Dayton Methodism, with its forty-two hundred members, and its prestige through years of honorable history, is equipped for great work. Behold it! Grace with its eloquent, impassioned H. C. Jameson; Raper with a cabinet-trained leader, V. F. Brown, with an eagle eye to every line; St. Paul, with its 967 members and the unique record of Methodism in retaining its successful pastor, J. G. Vaughan, twelve of the seventeen years just past; Broadway, with its organizing, devoted pastor, C. W. Elliott, celebrating its fifty years of successful labor; Trinity, with its enthusiastic, loved leader, O. M. Sellers; Riverdale, with E. W. Serl, who

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will not only free the Church from debt, but will yet make himself felt throughout this Conference; Woodward Avenue, with its old-fashioned revival habit, inspired by W. E. Verity; and Homestead, just emerging from long isolation from public favor, by reason of debt, directed by George Keen, whose devotion to the down-town evangelization problem will yet make us glad of the day he came to us.

We believe, however, that the time is at hand for a broader vision in Dayton, and for a better massing of our forces for aggressive work. There are great and unused possibilities in Dayton Methodism.

History proves that Christian people fail to see the wider vision of opportunity, and God sends in the wake of a recreant Church a Salvation Army, a Rescue Mission, a Young Men's Christian Association, with magnificent endowment to center the city's moral thought, and transfers His blessing to the new form of power. We offer no stricture upon these, but rather commend, for these are God chosen agencies of help. Yet we would call the advance along the line.

Christianity, in its world sweep, deals with men, and men are everywhere. Let us go after them. We are not, in pious contentment, to leave the problems, civil, social, industrial, to special leagues and bands. We must pre-empt the field by successfully doing the work. If one method fails, we will fly to another. We will still test the power of "experience," will add, if need be, the gymnasium, the reading-room, the reading circle, the workingman's guild, the employment bureau, will enter the role of the reformer, conduct a university lecture plan as is successfully done by Sheridan Bell at Miamisburg, organize a tithing band as at Darrrtown by O. P. Hoffman to outflank the Church's yearly financial panic, cut the line of adaptation between both college and cosmopolitan mass, as is done by C. M. Van Pelt at Oxford—any plan and every method for honorable victory. One thing alone is settled—that is, *we must succeed*.

II. Let us glance at our country problem.

One Church, Bethany, on the West Milton work, has been closed. Pleasant Hill, on the West Elkton work, seems to promise a like fate. On the other hand, New Lebanon, west of Dayton, has been organized, and expects to build. We have a duty, as yet unmet, toward our country work. Our bright young men on the farms are converted. The very conversion awakens an impulse to improvement. They go to the college, or to the business opportunity in the city. The result is the output of the factory, for converted human nature is forever drained with the insatiable greed for men in the great centers. Men like A. D. Maddox, J. A. Jenkinson, O. P. Hoffman, J. W. Patton, S. B. Timmons, D. C. Washburn, J. F. McCole, J. H. Lease, who presents in himself the finest medley of youth and experience in our active rank, are left to bravely struggle with the problem. The men in the country work constitute the heroic band of Methodism. All honor to them! Yet the time is here when some district plan should be adopted for the raising of a sustentation fund, much on the order of that advocated at the last General Conference by James N. Gamble, of our own delegation, and others, for the better help of our weak Churches. It would solve many a hard problem if a fund were created, at the disposal of the Presiding Elder, under the advice of a judicious committee, to keep good men on living salaries in our weak places. It is a practical denial of the missionary spirit to hold weak country places and ministers responsible for self-maintenance.

III. Let us look at our material growth; for the first thing the world asks is, What clothes does he wear? and What impression does he make?

1. The parsonage equipment is a good index of the practical thoughtfulness of the Church for its pastor. Of the thirty-six charges, twenty-five have parsonages more or less complete. The one notable advance during the year was the purchase by the Osborn Church of a house, valued at

\$2,500 (\$860 being paid), centrally located, commodious, and attractive, which becomes the property of the Osborn Church alone and not of the circuit, and is a splendid testimonial to the foresight and efficiency of Frank Leever, the pastor.

2. Raper paid \$4,305, and Riverdale \$1,072 of their heavy debts. Oxford, by the aid of Bishop Spellmeyer, wiped out the debt of \$2,700 on Christmas Sunday. No greater success in the debt-paying record of the year has been achieved than at Franklin, where Creighton Wones lifted the burden of \$2,000 from the Church.

3. Besides the payment of debts and the erection of new houses, one-third of the Churches of the district, in greater or less degree, have made improvements, at an aggregate cost of about \$8,000. On the Gordon Circuit all four churches were improved at an aggregate cost of \$2,800, two of which were rededicated, West Baltimore and West Sonora. Clarke Gowdy, now serving his first year on probation, has been the inspiring spirit in every case.

4. At Hamilton the plan of the associated interest of the First Church and Lindenwald dates back two years, being synchronous with the suburb-circuit arrangement, known among some as the Westwood plan. The First Church, under the splendid leadership of C. E. Schenk, paid its debt, advanced its benevolences, quickened its spiritual activity, and branched out in the Lindenwald enterprise, paying \$350 of the \$600 to the pastor, and sharing dollar for dollar in the cost of the new church. S. A. Stephan, the associate pastor, has labored with untiring devotion, and now rejoices in the fruit of his toil, in seeing the new society well started in its perilous, formative years, and with a new building costing \$5,500, dedicated by Bishop Spellmeyer in February last.

At West Carrollton the outcome of the spiritual ministry of John Gaddis is seen in the beautiful new church, whose corner-stone was laid July 2d, and whose estimated value is \$20,000. It is of Bainbridge free-stone, through which runs the scarlet layer, as if suggestive of the atonement. Beautiful and massive in its architecture, tile-roofed, Gothic-arched, commodious, convenient, complete, it stands a pride to the Miami Valley and the Methodism it represents. The plan followed is worthy of note. New Church days, with special programs, were observed every three months for the two years past, to inspire interest and gather in the subscriptions. At the dedication this fall no public appeal for money will need be made.

At Fort Jefferson the corner-stone of a new church, a brick veneer, of modern style and commensurate with the needs of the society, was laid in June. The leader in the enterprise is D. S. Ferguson, one of the strong, competent local preachers of Methodism. At West Milton, F. J. Reinhardt is endeavoring to get a new Church started. The same is true at New Paris with Dudley Matthews, and at Okeana with W. D. English. Extensive improvements are in process at Eaton, with the full cost secured by subscription. W. A. Wiant has been signally successful in every department of the work, and as a testimonial of the love of Eaton to Methodism, comes with a unanimous, enthusiastic invitation to this Conference to hold its next session in Eaton.

IV. No question is so vital to the Church's life as that of its spiritual tone. Though the revival method may change, the revival spirit *never*. The Cain's mark is upon the forehead of every non-revival Church in Christendom to-day. Probably five hundred converts have professed faith at our altars in special services. These have been distributed throughout the district, the four largest being at Middletown, with 48, under the sustained and manly ministry of W. E. Hammaker; at Pymont, with 50, under Clarence Grauser; at Woodward Avenue, 52, under W. E. Verity; and at Fair Haven, with 98. The Fair Haven revival is the most remark-

able individual one of the year. W. T. Gilliland, the pastor, serving his first year among us, is the son of a missionary. Yes, he is the child of a King, with the regal seal this year upon his Conference report. His preaching was close, practical, searching. Under the stress of conviction 98 professed to be converted. There was no wild demonstration, but a death-like intensity and subdued joy. Men prayed till 2 o'clock in the morning, and, when converted, would get into their buggies to find the people they had wronged, to make right and restore. It took one man, according to report, three days to chase down his neighbors and confess his sins. Some weeks after the meeting the missionary collection was taken up. One convert made a thank-offering of \$100, and \$518 in this one country Church were laid upon the missionary altar. Then, with an itinerant suggestion, the hoofs were employed, and "black beauty" stood at the parsonage door, the gift to pastor and wife of a grateful people.

The unusual plan of the year in revival work was the union meeting in Dayton. A concerted effort was put forth by all the Protestant, English-speaking Churches, with the exception of the Episcopalian society. Ten separate group meetings were held. A minister from another part of the city and different denomination was appointed as leader for the two weeks. Then each night a different minister preached, who was sent by the central committee having general charge. No public announcement was made of the one to preach, and the people were exhorted to attend the nearest group. An unusual, temporary interest was awakened, and we trust lasting benefit secured. Certain facts seem to us clear: 1. The interest awakened was greater than the ordinary, and manifested itself in many definite decisions, but especially in that distributed good which makes up public sentiment. 2. Those Churches that held aloof, in face of the interdenominational plans, neither reaped a reward in public favor, nor in converts gained. 3. The marked method of every successful group was the altar plan. The leaders who feared to boldly cast the net failed. Leading ministers of other Churches publicly said in one ministerial conference that they were converted to the altar plan. 4. The results in numbers were few compared with the force employed, and many accustomed workers failed to attend, nor did they feel free to work when there. A constraint was felt in view of the various habits of the congregations.

To sum up, the clear inference is: Go straight for men in any plan, and despise not the altar. Fraternize with others, but clinch results in the local effort of the individual Churches.

V. Close to the revival problem lies the great missionary appeal. He is either blind in mind or callous in conscience who can not see that the missionary impulse is the dominating force of this Christian century. The great convention, held in Columbus in March, participated in by representative Ohio Methodism, did much to inspire our Churches with missionary zeal. Local rallies followed, and we believe an advance will be seen along the entire line. We trust the day will come when as much will go out as will stay at home, for then noon will blaze into earth's midnight, and our gifts culminate in the world's redemption.

VI. Following the revival and missionary thoughts to their conclusion the very personnel of the ministry itself comes into review. No nobler band of devoted men, as we believe, ever graced the roll of the itinerancy than the men of this Conference. Yet a crisis is evidently on, and will be felt more by the recruits to our ranks than by those now well established among us. Men who are leaders must be equipped with collegiate and seminary training, or at least qualified by personal application to command men, such as would insure first recognition in any ordinary pursuit. Their wives are chosen from good homes, for our preachers not only "die well," as Wesley says, but now days they marry well. Their children must be educated, and they themselves live in a way to command the respect of

the average of the more favored members of their Official Boards. The problem is on—small salaries, large demands, educated desires, and debt forbidden by the Discipline, a commercial age and no just reason seen for undue sacrifice to stem the tide, a premium upon youth, a brand upon age, while the influence of wealth often outweighs the mightiest brain. But hear me: We are in the anomalous attitude of holding the theory of a sent ministry and practicing the plan of a called pastorate. A few Churches may vary and the plan remain, but what will happen when the current turns from the gulf toward the mountain? There is a curious paragraph on page 408 of the Discipline. Let me read it for old memory's sake: "Direct negotiations between pastors and Churches in advance of the making of the appointments by the bishops are contrary to the spirit of our itinerant ministry and subversive of our ecclesiastical polity." But hold! This is a live wire! What tore it from its moorings, the trolley at the curve in 1872, or Providence taking this plan for the better life of the Church, we are not prepared to say. Nor is that of so much moment. We do not complain against the trend of the times, for we are equally agreeable to either plan. All we ask is an understanding, that restlessness from conflicting theory and practice shall be avoided, and men not enter the ministry with mistaken thought. In which are we to-day, the premise or the prophecy of page 408? It is simply a question we ask.

This we would say, however, without reference to the immediate question suggested, but touching the spirit of the ministry. The ages prove that holiness waits alone upon self-sacrifice, so that the pleading tongue is tipped with fire, and the herald endowed with power alone in absolute self-abandonment to espouse the King's cause for the moral leadership of the race. We would even at this Conference, not that Sinai might thunder, but that the transfiguration might glow and Pentecost blaze. May High Street prove both a Hermon slope and a Moriah peak!

VII. During April, culminating with Easter, a plan was executed by which Bishop Spellmeyer, in company with the Presiding Elder, made a tour of the district. Fifteen places were visited, and as many sermons preached by the Bishop in eight days, besides the district meeting and evening reception on the Friday preceding. The Bishop preached magnificently and the people heard with enthusiasm. It was an ovation at every place.

Our Epworth Leagues have maintained their usual status, though I fear have not gained in power. Our Junior work proves well where put to the test. Our Sunday-schools have gained rather than lost, though neither of the lines above has thrown any mountain peak to the sunlight to especially grace a report. In one of our Sunday-schools, Trinity (Dayton), 225 scholars have signed the pledge of the White Shield. A like plan has prevailed in others.

We rejoice that within the Dayton District four institutions of special or higher learning exist, only two of which are rightfully within this report. At Germantown the Miami Military Institute, with Colonel O. G. Brown in command, is doing splendid work for boys. The "Miami" at Oxford, with its State patronage and Methodist head, is commanding the admiration of all who examine.

VIII. We believe a minister's leadership lies not alone in the conventional lines of work, but in civic or social need, or in any reform that is vital to the coming in of the kingdom. We are to be all things and do all things to all men, especially to the promoters of the saloon. This is the burning, practical question of the hour. There is a growing sentiment everywhere against the crime of drink. At one place in our district, Hollandsburg, some time since, not a formal vote, but a town expression was taken. All the people met in the center of the town, and at a signal

those favoring the saloon went to one side, and those not to the other. The record is that only one man a mu'e went went.

Under the Brannock and Beall laws something has been done. In Franklin, where two years before the election went 121 wet, this time it went 52 dry. Middletown voted one division dry, and closed up two saloons. Oxford voted dry by 85, and Oxford Township by 200. Lewisburg, Camden, Somerville, and even tobacco-taught and distillery-trained Germantown and surrounding township went dry. At this last place the fight has been bitter, and the contest carried into the courts, and may yet go to the Supreme Court. J. J. Hawk, who is serving on probation in this Conference, has been the inspiring genius of the campaign. At every place where the contest has been on our preachers have stood in the front of the fight. May heaven help in a temperance victory that will yet sweep

bosses from their thrones, a governor—if need be—from his chair, and the accursed saloon from public gaze!

IX. In closing we desire to lay a brief tribute at the feet of one of our laymen, whose worth none question, and whose honor none impeach. We speak of E. B. Thirkield, of Franklin. Erect in bearing, gentle in manner, his benign countenance set round with a circle of white, chastened by many years of mingled joy and sorrow, sincere, pure-minded, and true, he stood among the noble in our honored laity.

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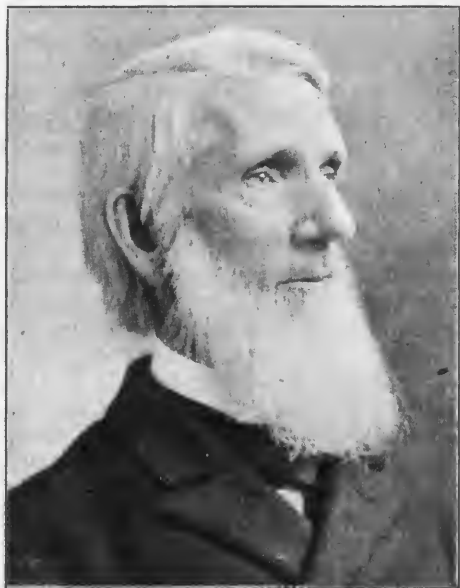
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Under the Brannock and Beall laws something has been done. In Franklin, where two years before the election went 121 wet, this time it went 52 dry. Middletown voted one division dry, and closed up two saloons. Oxford voted dry by 85, and Oxford Township by 200. Lewisburg, Camden, Somerville, and even tobacco-taught and distillery-trained Germantown and surrounding township went dry. At this last place the fight has been bitter, and the contest carried into the courts, and may yet go to the Supreme Court. J. J. Hawk, who is serving on probation in this Conference, has been the inspiring genius of the campaign. At every place where the contest has been on our preachers have stood in the front of the fight. May heaven help in a temperance victory that will yet sweep

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BENEVOLENCES.—Not having full reports from all the appointments in the district, it is not possible to give exact figures; but from the partial reports received, it looks as if there had been a slight increase in the benevolent collections. The apportionments for the benevolences are not excessive. Our people are able to pay more than they do, and this gives grounds for hope of an increase in the future. What is needed everywhere is information, and the pastor who most faithfully seeks to give information to his people always brings the largest proportionate collections to the Annual Conference for the benevolences. The necessary information is at hand. Let us see that it reaches the people, and the money for all these causes will be forthcoming.

SPECIAL GIFTS.—It is with gratitude that we note the fact of some special gifts during the year. On the Leesburg Charge, Brother Joseph Worthington made the following bequests: Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, \$5,000; for Christ Hospital, \$4,000; for Ohio Wesleyan University, \$5,000.

On the Union Charge, H. M. Reed left a bequest of \$840 for the Missionary Society.

SALARIES.—The aggregate of salaries for the twenty-eight charges in the district is \$22,550, making an average salary of about \$800. Of these charges, three pay \$500; two \$550; two \$600; three \$650; four \$700; four \$750; four \$800; one \$900; one \$1,100; one \$1,200; two \$1,500; and one \$1,600.

The Disciplinary plan for the raising of finances, when faithfully carried out, always succeeds; but only a few of our charges systematically work the plan. Our people need instruction on the line of systematic giving. The tithe is the Lord's, and when Methodists become tithers, and bring all the tithes into the storehouse, then all the financial obligations of the Church are met in full.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.—The Sunday-schools on the district are well organized, and most of them continue for the entire year. While they are not specifically organized into Missionary Societies, yet most of them contribute systematically to the cause of missions, and in this way the missionary idea is kept before the scholars. They are practically loyal to our own publications, but in some schools we find foreign literature. This, we trust, will be corrected in time.

EPWORTH LEAGUES.—The District Epworth League Convention was held in June at Leesburg. The program was excellent, and the meeting was a success. The reports showed that Leagues are organized in most of the charges, and are doing good work. A well-developed Epworth Leaguer is the best type of a Methodist now in existence. He is spiritual, has the missionary idea, is compassionate, intelligent, and social, and these are the qualities that make for righteousness.

There are only a few Junior Epworth Leagues in the district. This is much to be regretted, for it is practically the only organization now doing the work required by the Discipline in the training of the children. In answer to the question, "Have the rules respecting the instruction of children been observed?" the response is almost invariably, "In part." The Junior Epworth League will help the pastor to answer "Yes" to this question. We must begin the work of training Methodists in the nursery, and the Junior Epworth League has come at the right time to assist in this work.

WOMAN'S WORK.—The Ladies' Aid Society has come to be a permanent organization in the Church. It is very effectual in providing the necessary means for church and parsonage improvement, and in nearly every case where improvements have been made during the year these

Societies have taken the initiative in the matter. Where the stewards fail to raise the necessary funds the ladies come to their help, and in their own way supplement the amount until the bills are all paid.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies each have organizations in the district. Profitable district meetings were held by both societies during the year. These societies are not organized in all the charges of the district. May not an organization be effected in each charge this year? The systematic work done by these ladies in raising funds can not but have a wholesome effect on the entire Church.

LITERATURE.—Of the making of many books there is no end, and this was never more true than to-day. This is an age of books and periodicals, and yet our people perish for lack of knowledge. The Discipline in speaking to the preachers on "The Profitable Use of Time," says: "The chief reason that the people under our care are not better is because we are not more knowing and more holy." The Book Concern was organized to provide good literature for our people, and it has never done better work on this line than it is doing now. The pastor is the medium through which these books and periodicals are to reach the people. The result of good, faithful work here will be an increase of knowledge and righteousness in the Church.

CAMP-MEETINGS.—It fell to our lot to superintend the camp-meeting at Epworth Heights this season. We were permitted to call to our assistance twenty preachers of the Conference. Most of them responded to our invitation, and as a result we had more preachers present than for several years past. The spirit of the meeting was good, and the brethren preached with power and in demonstration of the Holy Spirit, and good was done. The attendance was not large, yet a goodly number were present and took an interest in the meetings. This camp-meeting, in our judgment, will never be what it ought to be until the Cincinnati Conference takes possession of it and assumes the responsibility of its services. Whether or not such an arrangement can be brought about is a question. It is one of the most beautiful encampments in this country, and if our people will take hold of it, it can be made a great power for good to all Southern Ohio Methodism.

Walter S. Gray, of our district, had charge of the Shiloh Camp-meeting. He reports a good meeting, though not largely attended.

REVIVALS.—During the winter revival services were held in all the charges, resulting in the conversion of sinners and an increase in the membership of the Church. While this work was genuine as far as it went, it did not go far enough. There is need of a great, soul-stirring revival on the entire district. The commercial spirit and the spirit of indifference has so taken hold upon the Church that many have lost their first love and the zeal they possessed when they first believed. As a consequence the class-meeting is almost a thing of the past, and the prayer-meeting is not what it ought to be. What is needed is a great spiritual awakening. This must be preceded by earnest prayer and faithful preaching of the Word, to be followed by a renewed consecration upon the part of the Church members. This will bring the fiery baptism upon the Church, and when the Church receives the Holy Spirit, then the world will be convinced of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment, and sinners will be converted unto God. This is God's way of saving the world, and we can not improve upon it.

The work of the year is done and its record is on high. We are on the threshold of a new Conference year. May it prove to be the best in our history!

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BISHOP CRANSTON AND BRETHREN:

"Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise" from myself and the pastors and people of Milford District as we recall the varied experiences of another Conference year. With united voices we can sing, "The Lord is good and His mercy endureth forever." True the shadow of death has fallen upon us, but "life and immortality have been brought to light through the Gospel."

Sister Charlotte Boyer, who, as a traveling class-leader, served as supply for Chilo Circuit a part of last year and who, in response to the earnest desire of the people, was reappointed to this field, in the midst of a brief and remarkable career as a loved shepherdess of souls, on the morning of December 19, 1904, was suddenly translated. We were greatly shocked and filled with sorrow over her unexpected departure, but death to her was gain, and the memory of her noble, unique personality will remain with those who knew and loved her as an abiding benediction.

A sweet babe was transferred from the parsonage in Williamsburg into the family in heaven. Dr. T. W. Salt and family feel deeply the bereavement which has fallen upon them. He writes: "In her short life she had grown deeply into our lives, and now our hearts are torn and bleeding. We are clinging to God, and from His great loving heart we draw the sweetest consolation, and we find it as you say, 'Heaven is nearer to us now.'"

October 19, 1904, Rev. G. W. Fee, a superannuated member of the Conference, joined the ranks of "our fathers and brethren" in the Heavenly Father's house of many mansions. A good and true man; many, no doubt, will bless his name forever.

Brother B. H. Lewis, the young and successful pastor of Branch Hill Charge, was stricken down with typhoid fever in June, and for weeks was unable to fill his pulpit. We rejoice and praise the Lord for his recovery.

Passing through the winter's campaign without being worn by my somewhat strenuous work, I was stricken down also in June, the symptoms indicating typhoid, but soon developing into bilious intermittent fever. Under the skillful treatment of my physician and the faithful nursing of a good wife the burning fever soon decreased, and by and by disappeared. A brief rest in beautiful Denver, Colorado, brought back my lost appetite, strength, and flesh in a wonderful way. In ten days I gained ten pounds in weight. The last Sabbath in July I was able to be at my work again, and with steadily increasing strength and delight I have held my quarterly-meetings since, preaching, when it was necessary, six times a week. The three weeks in which I was unable to fill my appointments the pastors supplied most acceptably my lack of service. Their tender sympathy and proffer of help touched my heart deeply. Never have I had such a sweet realization of the prophecy of Isaiah, liii chapter, 4th verse, marginal reading as recently, when in the days of weakness I could say not simply, "Surely He hath borne our sicknesses," but "Surely He hath borne my sickness," as I rested in His arms as sweetly as a babe nestles on its mother's breast. In my heart I continue to sing David's sweet song, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name. Who healeth all thy diseases. Who redeemeth thy life from destruction. Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies. Who satisfieth thy desire with good things so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle."

The pastors' reports indicate the measure of their toils and success

imperfectly. Some rejoice over large harvests gathered after a mighty struggle, inspired by a mighty faith. Others secured only a few sheaves, but they represent prevailing prayer and heroic struggles in the midst of indifference, worldliness, and unbelief. "Paul may plant, Apollos water; God alone can give the increase." A devoted pastor writes: "As to conversions I never worked harder, but every effort seems in vain." To him this may be the sowing time; next year may bring the greatly desired harvest. All lines of work have been carried forward with a good degree of success.

The Sunday-school especially enlists the continued interest and devotion of a host of zealous and patient workers. The formation of the baptized children into classes proceeds slowly because of the difficulty in securing willing and competent leaders. The Junior Leagues in some measure supply this deficiency. The Epworth League grows in efficiency in some charges, but in others has declined. On the whole, I think it has gained a little during the year.

The churches and parsonages are nearly all insured and kept in good condition. Every year adds to the improvement of the Church property in the district. The pastors report the following sums expended for improvements or in payment of debts incurred for this purpose: Goshen, \$800; New Richmond, \$100; Peebles, \$200; Aberdeen, \$100; Ripley, \$350; Winchester, \$50; Newtown, \$250; Manchester, \$1,050; Bethel, \$278; Marathon, \$416; Dunkinsville, \$22.75; Williamsburg, \$70; Decatur, \$400; Laurel, \$200; Milford, \$1,250; Chilo, \$27; Branch Hill, \$250; Batavia, \$22; Mt. Orab, \$450; Amelia, \$90; Lebanon, \$450; all aggregating over \$6,500.

Last Sabbath, September 3d, the centennial of old Bethel, Bethel Charge, Rev. L. A. Washburn pastor, was celebrated. Through the earnest work of the pastor the church had been clothed in new beauty, and was filled with members and old friends. Here a hundred years ago Rev. John Collins had put up a log church. A frame succeeded this, the present edifice being the third erected on this historic spot. The Presiding Elder and pastor preached, an old-fashioned love-feast was held, a sketch of the church was read by the pastor and memories of Collins, buried in the cemetery near by, of old pastors and members were revived. One old brother told me of hearing Collins preach seventy years ago; another heard him seventy three years ago. It was a glorious occasion.

Special mention ought to be made of the great work wrought by Brother Verity in Manchester. The fine cement pavement in front of the parsonage and church, the frescoing, new windows, new carpet, all combined, constitute a vision of beauty delightful to the eye and soul.

At Quinn's Chapel a spiritual resurrection has been accompanied by a similar transformation. At this place largely "all things have been made new." Bentonville Church has also, on the outside and roof, been clothed in a new dress of paint. Brother Verity is a tireless worker, and has made a lasting impression upon this charge.

The Newtown Church, under the leadership of Brother Walter, is also being transformed. This will meet an imperative necessity. To next year's report a detailed description will properly belong, as the work is yet not completed.

Milford, Brother LeSourd, the successful pastor, is also making improvements. The new cement walks and the beautified parsonage are to be followed by new pews and new carpet in the auditorium.

The improvements in the Lebanon Church were completed early in the Conference year. The new pastor, Rev. W. A. Cooper, with whom our beloved Brother Shively exchanged places a year ago, has already won the hearts of the people. Here our superannuated Brother J. R.

Hunter lives in a pleasant home, useful and happy in his retirement. Lebanon stands for a living Church whose sympathies and work encompass the world.

Batavia, Rev. W. H. Spybey pastor, is also making handsome improvements.

The benevolences have not been forgotten. The Presiding Elder appealed to the pastors in this fashion: "Our benevolences may incarnate our faith in and our love for the Lord Jesus, and for all whom He has redeemed with His precious blood. Let every benevolence have its due claim upon your hearts, and let there be no blanks upon your reports when they reach the Conference secretaries."

The interest in missions is gradually increasing. Missionary literature, mission classes, missionary sermons, and prayer-meetings all contribute to this end. But few of our Churches are able to give largely, and yet for a series of years the collections have slowly increased. Last year Milford was the only district that did not slump in its contribution to the missionary treasury. This year some of the pastors report an encouraging increase, others a decrease created by local conditions.

The spirit of evangelism has been cultivated. The tidal wave of salvation, for which we long, pray, and labor, has not swept over us, but showers of blessing have refreshed, in some degree, nearly every charge. West Union and New Richmond have shared most largely in the life-giving presence and ministry of the Holy Spirit. West Union rejoices over nearly one hundred conversions and an enlarged spiritual life in the membership. The presence of a class of young people in a Saturday service was an inspiration to the Presiding Elder. The Sunday-school and congregation are so large that the recently improved and beautified church is too small for their comfortable accommodation.

New Richmond abides in a revival atmosphere, welcoming into its hospitable homes and beautiful auditorium our annual ministerial meeting for the district last October, and making it, with the quarterly-meeting which preceded it, the beginning of an aggressive campaign for souls. The pastor, with an unyielding faith and tireless zeal, has led his loyal and devoted membership from victory to victory. Eighty conversions and accessions, including forty-five young men and women, indicate the battles fought and victories won.

Milford, Lebanon, Manchester, Owensville, Goshen, Branch Hill, Bethel, Amelia, Decatur, Summerside, Winchester, Williamsburg, Marathon, Newtown, Aberdeen, Laurel, Ripley, Chilo, Peebles, Mt. Orab, Dunkinsville, Mason, Batavia, all these, more or less largely, have shared in the gracious revival uplifting. The conversions aggregate 547.

We continue to look with hope, and I trust increasing faith, for a general Pentecost. But we must substitute for the too spasmodic work of the past an increasing siege for souls. When all pastors and Churches are filled with a passion for souls, we will find that salvation is not alone for Australia and Wales, but for all other lands as well; for God has given His sons "to be His salvation unto the ends of the earth."

Many other items of interest might be included in this report, but I will close by suggesting a few things we greatly need in the Milford District.

1. *A Quickened Conscience.*

Too many of our official members seem to be void of any sense of responsibility, hence fail to attend to the duties assigned them. And yet they would be disgruntled, seriously offended indeed, if left out of the official ranks. Sometimes they are continued because none can be found to take their places. Fidelity on the part of Official Boards and Quarterly Conferences would bring new life to not a few feeble and almost dying charges. The membership look to the office-bearers for

guidance and inspiration. Alas! too often their example is utterly discouraging and deadly in its influence, creating a paralysis of indifference and neglect which means financial deficiency and spiritual failure, the sundering of pastoral relationships, and aching, if not broken, hearts in parsonage homes. Worst of all, Christ is *dishonored* and the coming of His kingdom *delayed*.

2. *We need a Sustentation Fund.*

Why? To supplement salaries so small that the pastors are constantly harassed by the old Gentile questions, "What shall we eat?" and "Wherewithal shall we be clothed?" Hence they naturally feel that their lot is hard, and soon long for a change. A few patiently endure the heavy burdens a meager salary involves for weary years, and then conclude that other brethren, long favored with easier fields and larger salaries, ought to exchange places with them. The consecrated and cultured men who are willing to give their best years and best efforts to building up the Churches in the smaller towns and rural districts deserve great honor and ought to be better paid. They are not only helping to save the country charges, but the city Churches as well. An intelligent layman, a member of a large city Church, told me that the accessions which kept his Church alive and strong were by letters received from good people moving into the city from the country or smaller towns.

A beloved pastor who has given years of successful work to the country charges preached in a very prominent city Church one Sunday night not long ago, and found five or six charges he had served represented in its membership as they greeted him at the close of the service. We must care for the cities; but if we do, we must save the country Churches. If we do this we need first-class men, and they ought to have a comfortable living. If those whom they serve are financially weak, the stronger Churches ought to help them. Timely help would, by and by, add strong charges to our stationing lists in communities where now discouragement and possible failure shadow the faithful few.

3. *We need a Self-denying Ministry.*

Milford District holds on its way because its Churches have so often been served by so many representatives of Christlike self-abnegation. For a hundred years its picturesque hills and valleys have been trodden by heroic men belonging to the true apostolic succession. Glorious men who "have counted all loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord." Some of them could literally adopt the very words of the greatest Apostle of all, "In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in weariness and painfulness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in watchings often." But if they knew tribulation, they could also claim that their "ministry was wrought out in patience, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds," and that the Gospel they preached was the power of God unto salvation. Our lot is easy compared with that of our predecessors of a hundred or even fifty years ago. They plodded through the mud or over rough, and at times almost impassable, roads on horseback, and when necessary swam over dangerous streams. We ride over good pikes in buggies or carriages, on railroads, or in traction cars.

But until the Church awakes fully to her duty in providing an *ample* sustentation fund, the door of self-crucifixion will still remain open, and struggling Churches will still piteously cry for gifted and consecrated young men, willing to accept poor salaries in laying foundations for rich Churches in the future.

When I entered the Conference success in winning men was often rewarded by appointment to a hard field. At the end of one of the most fruitful years of my ministry, myself and colleague were most earnestly invited and urged to remain in the same field. He was sent to what was called a "mission" to lay foundations, and I was appointed

to a dead circuit in the hope that it might have a resurrection. It was hard to tear ourselves away from so many of our spiritual children, but the Macedonian cry *must be answered!* This only illustrates experiences often duplicated when the Cincinnati Conference was young.

Thank God, it still is glorified by the sacrifices of educated, gifted young men, who are willing to accept poverty that others may be made rich, who are so filled with the spirit of their Lord that they are ready to make "themselves of no reputation" so far as glittering appointments or big salaries are concerned! But the "Lord whose they are and whom they serve" will see to it that their pathway of self-humiliation will lead up to the throne and crown of rejoicing.

I would plead with the gifted and titled young men to not be in too great haste to capture the rich and most coveted appointments, but to sincerely desire a few scars at least as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, "that the ministry be not blamed" for being fashioned by mercenary considerations or the spirit of caste. When we materialize Paul's ideal fully in our ministry, the poorer and weaker Churches in country and city will be lifted up, and our Zion will rejoice, for the Lord will turn her captivity as the streams in the south.

Listen to the words of that master minister of the Gospel dispensation, the battle-scarred soldier, the contented slave of Jesus Christ: "Giving no occasion of stumbling in anything that our ministration be not blamed, but in everything commending ourselves as ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in fastings, in pureness, in knowledge, in longsuffering, in kindness, in love unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left. By honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report, as deceivers and yet true, as unknown and yet well known, as dying and behold we live, as chastened and not killed, as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing yet possessing all things."

Here is a snapshot picture of the great preacher "who took pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake.

The application of all this is easy.

Milford District has no reason to be ashamed of the record running through a century which has been made by her consecrated and self-denying pastors. Its ministerial comradeship has been, and still is, unsurpassed. Fellowship in labor, with its devoted pastors and membership, is synonymous with honor, inspiration, benediction.

Lastly, Milford District claims an honored member and citizen whom I have known and highly esteemed from his early manhood. To rebuke graft and saloon bossism and promote, *under present conditions*, the highest good possible for my native State, if I could direct the ballots I would elect him governor of Ohio by 100,000 majority!

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

GEORGE W. DUBOIS, Presiding Elder.

In September, 1805, Springfield Methodism received its first Methodist preacher by the appointment of a Methodist bishop.

We have not time to note even in briefest review the progress of this century of Church life, and can only state that the denomination to-day is represented by a membership of 2,528, and by five churches and three parsonages having a valuation of \$158,300, and we may say, without undue boasting, that we are among the strong religious forces of the city.

Springfield Methodism always has been hospitable to the Cincinnati Conference. Once in each decade of the last half of the last century the Conference met here, and now in this first decade of the new century, and the one hundredth year after the Methodist banner first was unfurled on this soil, the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the men and women who prayed at our altars and shouted over our converts open their homes and stretch out their hands in welcome to the spiritual descendants of the pioneer preachers who laid the foundations so deep and strong. Times, methods, customs change, men come and go, but loyalty to Methodism in its inner spirit abides in the hearts of these people whose hospitality we are to share during the next few days.

When the Springfield District was given into my care a year ago, my first task was to read carefully the list of appointments of the district. I laid aside the paper with the remark that I had a good lot of men as my co-workers for the year. I can repeat that statement to-day with emphasis. One of the distinct pleasures of the year has been the privilege of becoming better acquainted with these men and their families, and I have an increased appreciation of the fidelity and earnestness and devotion to a high ideal of this band of men. Most of them receive scant remuneration for their labor, and none of them more than a competence, but they have done their work intelligently, cheerfully, and patiently, and to them belongs whatever of credit there may be for the year's work.

With one exception our ranks have been unbroken during the year. Brother D. A. McColm fell at his post early in the month of January. His end was a tragic one. I preached for him at Cable Sunday afternoon, January 8th, and together we conducted the communion service. Later we took tea together, and then I left for my evening appointment. Brother McColm was cheerful, and talked with interest of his plans for his winter work. He remained at Cable, and in the evening preached the first sermon of his protracted meeting. On his way home, when not far from his parsonage, his vehicle was struck by a fast train on the Erie Railroad, and he was instantly killed. The news came as a severe shock to me the next morning, and gave new meaning to the phrase, "the uncertainty of life." Funeral services were held both in King's Creek Church and in Raper Church, Dayton, and we laid his body to rest in the cemetery of that city. Brother McColm gave the Church more than twenty-six years of steady service. He never had what we call the good places. But Methodism owes a large debt of gratitude to the men who, on slender pay and with little of the world's notice and praise, keep up the outposts and send a steady line of recruits from the country and the village to the town and city Churches. Brother McColm was one of these workers, and we gladly pay tribute to his devotion to his Master's cause and the Church of his choice. It was with considerable difficulty that I found a supply for the King's Creek work; but one of our good local preachers, R. M. Mitchell, of Urbana, came to the rescue, and has given excellent service during the latter part of the year.

The superannuated brethren, J. G. Black and J. M. Shultz, both residing at New Carlisle, John Vance at Urbana, G. M. Edgar at Troy, and C. H. Kalbfus at Yellow Springs, are valued counselors, and have been able to give some service in the Sunday-school and to preach at times during the year. They are at present in their usual health, and I hope all of them will be in attendance upon the Conference.

In the district, as a whole, little of extraordinary interest has happened, but on the part of pastors and people there have been activity and constant effort to do the work expected of us.

The most notable financial work of the year has been done at Vienna Cross Roads. This church was built in 1902 at an expense of \$4,500. Of this amount \$1,841 were still due in October, 1904, and secured by a mortgage on the church. As the notes were overdue and the interest un-

paid, legal steps were taken to foreclose the mortgage. At this critical juncture some friends not members of the Church gave their help, a vigorous canvass was made, and in a few weeks \$1,325 were raised and paid, a new note given for the balance, and the mortgage was lifted. At this point the Board of Church Extension generously came to the rescue, and forwarded a donation of \$300. Within the last few weeks the remaining \$200 have been paid, and now there is not a dollar of indebtedness on the property. The church was formally dedicated on the 28th of May. Brother Joseph D. Trout, a local preacher, has done yeoman service during the entire year at small financial return.

Perhaps the most marked revival of the year was experienced at South Charleston. The notable features were the manifest presence of a supernatural power, and the spontaneity manifest during the progress of the meeting. Rev. E. S. Dunham, evangelist of the Central Ohio Conference, assisted during the first ten days, after which time the pastor, A. T. Cowgill, carried on the work with the help of his own people. The whole community shared in the spiritual quickening, and our own Church received many additions to its membership.

A unique plan of work preliminary to special revival services was adopted at New Carlisle, and is worthy of attention. The pastor, H. E. Armacost, sent to each member of the Church a pastoral letter and "visiting bulletin," containing a schedule of eighty-five cottage meetings covering the afternoons of three successive weeks, each meeting taking one-half hour of time. Every Wednesday from 4 to 4.30 there was a children's meeting at the church. This plan awakened great interest, was successfully carried out, and was followed immediately by the special meetings at the church, which were well attended and resulted in a large number of conversions.

The effect has been seen in the improved spiritual condition throughout the year. In a few cases the Churches have had the help of special evangelists, but in most instances the pastors themselves have been evangelists and in some instances have stretched out a helping hand to a brother pastor. Our preachers do not believe that the day of revivals is past, nor that they and their Churches are dependent upon the special evangelist. Nor do they believe that the Church is to make progress by revivals only and the exclusive use of the revival method.

Some of our pastors do their best work by personal effort to reach the individual and by constant care of the children and young people. At the end of a term of years the Church records will show that such pastors have done a work of great and permanent benefit to the Church. Several of our pastors are doing a work among the children and young people worthy of all commendation. They are reading the best literature on child life, they are acquainting themselves with the best methods of approach to the child mind, they are attending local and general Sunday-school conventions, and catching inspiration from great leaders and successful workers; they are training probationers; they are forming boys' clubs and Mission Study classes and Junior Leagues, and leading on bands of young people who will make intelligent and loyal Christian men and women by and by. There is no inherent incompatibility between this method and that of the revival meeting. The one may lead up to the other. The one may be the outgrowth of the other. Happy is the man who keeps the one great aim, but is not confined to one method.

The work of aggressive evangelism has received our attention, but it was thought that no plan of general interchange of pastoral assistance was feasible or desirable. We think the results have justified the conclusion reached.

It is evident that we need all the aggressive evangelism we can command. The Church membership of the Cincinnati Conference at the beginning of the last decade was 48,608; at its close it was 52,606, a gain

of almost exactly 4,000, or 400 per year. The reports for 1904 show a gain of 691 over 1903, but we have actually fallen 141 below the showing of 1901, and 134 below 1902. We have a plant of 367 churches and 125 parsonages, and employ 164 pastors and 5 Presiding Elders. Our material equipment represents an investment of \$2,828,000, and it cost to run it during the year ending September 1, 1904, \$476,375 for salaries, current expenses, Sunday-schools, etc.

Are the net returns at all adequate to the expenditure? We can not measure souls by dollars, but with all the apparatus at our command it does seem that there should be more to show for our labor. It must never be forgotten that the Church does not exist for evangelism only. There is a vast work to be done in the field of moral and religious education; the high standards of right living must be maintained; the great philanthropies must be cared for, and many other things must be done. But looked at from any and every point of view, it is very plain that we need a revival of the spirit of aggressive evangelism. But we need some other things too, and the satisfactory solution of the problem of our slow growth is not to be found in the emphatic reiteration of a happily coined phrase or in sporadic and spasmodic efforts of any kind whatsoever. Deep-seated diseases require deep going remedies.

The ministers of the district have been active in the work of temperance reform. At Arcanum, Covington, Greenville, Mechanicsburg, Piqua, South Charleston, Troy, and Yellow Springs special efforts have been made to banish the saloon. These attempts have not been successful in every case, but failure is not due to lack of initiative on the part of our preachers. If our laymen were as pronounced in their hostility to the liquor-traffic as our ministers are, and would follow where they are willing to lead, the open saloon would soon disappear from this territory.

A few words as to the support of the ministry and our Disciplinary plans. President Eliot, of Harvard, recently has called attention to the fact that the teacher, whether in the public school, the college, or the university, is one of an underpaid class. The subject has received much discussion in reputable publications, and no one dissents from the statement. John Mitchell, in his book on "Organized Labor," says: "For the great mass of unskilled workingmen . . . the fair wage should be not less than six hundred dollars a year." Surely ministers are as deserving of fair pay as teachers or unskilled workingmen, and yet of the one hundred and sixty-four pastors of our Conference, the Minutes of 1904 show that twenty-nine failed to receive the amount named as a fair wage for an unskilled workingman. If insufficient pay is to be deplored, slow pay should be regarded as an evil not to be tolerated. Generally there is no excuse for it. A salaried man ought to have his pay, and every cent of it, once a month. All salaried men but preachers get it. Many of our charges seem not to know that the Discipline requires monthly payments of their preachers' salaries. "Let the stewards at the beginning of the year estimate the amount needed monthly. Then let them ascertain . . . what each will give as his monthly contribution," "the amount needed monthly," "the additional amount which they think he ought monthly to pay," "the opportunity of regularly contributing each month, or oftener." This is the wording of the Discipline. The old word "quarterage" has disappeared forever from this book of the law of our Church. Our country charges, as well as our Churches in town and city, ought to adjust their plans to the Disciplinary requirement and the changed conditions of modern business methods. This matter has been pressed upon the attention of the Quarterly Conferences.

Eighteen charges of the district were reported deficient in the payment of apportionments for General Conference expenses. If these amounts are not paid in full at this Conference it will not be due to any neglect on my part. This is not a benevolent collection. It is a debt, and it is as

honorable for a man to cut his hotel bill as for a Church to refuse to pay this obligation.

The Ladies' Aid Society is a very active and valuable organization in the district. I think every charge has one or more of these societies in existence. Their work is as varied as it is helpful. They pay the parsonage taxes and look after repairs without and within; they add new furniture; they put down sidewalks and pay street assessments; they repair and refurnish churches; they pay pastors' and janitors' salaries, and do other good works too numerous to mention. Henceforth the work of this society will have large place in local Church history.

Material improvements of considerable value have been made at Catawba, where the church has been beautified at a cost of \$850, and at Grace Church, Urbana, where two rooms and a bath-room with modern equipment have been added to the parsonage. At Greenville the convenient and beautiful new parsonage was occupied early in the year, and at many other places improvements have been made. Church debts have been reduced at Central, St. Paul, and Clifton Avenue, Springfield, and at other points, and there is no distressing indebtedness in any charge of the district.

It may seem like injustice not to mention every pastor and every Church in this report. It is an act of self-denial on my part not to do so. But it is not easy to present a report of such a character without seeming to make invidious distinctions where none is intended. Special success often is contingent upon especially favorable conditions. A man may work just as hard and just as intelligently on a Vermont hillside as an Illinois prairie, but with very different crop results. Some years in the history of every pastor and every Church are seemingly uneventful. Other years may be crowded full of signal blessings. So in the work of the year some pastors have had tangible results that do not appear in other cases. But we believe all have been actuated by the spirit of faithfulness, and it is according to this criterion that all the shepherds of the flock are to be assigned their true places in the final judgment of mankind.

The work of the year has given me a steadily growing appreciation of our Church organization. It is splendidly adapted to its purpose. Our great task is to work it up to the measure of its efficiency. To this end we must continue to bend every energy, looking evermore for the blessing of the great Head of the Church.

B. STATISTICS.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

QUESTION 27.—*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

ANSWER, \$12,350 00

QUESTION 28.—*What has been Received on these Claims and how has it been Applied?*

RECEIPTS.

ANSWER.—From the Chartered Fund,	\$22 00
From Mears Bequest,	150 00
From Book Concern Dividend,	1,447 00
From Conference Trustees,	1,725 00
From the Charges,	5,980 80
Balance from last year,	128 31
Donation,	5 00
Total,	\$9,458 11

DISBURSEMENTS.

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stew- ards . .	Amount paid . .	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIM- ANTS.
MINISTERS.				
Rev. J. T. Bail,	Self,	\$400 00	\$304 00	Norwood, O.
Rev. J. G. Black,	Self,	400 00	304 00	New Carlisle, O.
Rev. C. T. Crum,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Cincinnati, O.
Rev. L. O. Deputy,	S. O. Royal,	400 00	304 00	Madisonville, O.
Rev. G. M. Edgar,	D. J. Starr,	300 00	228 00	Troy, O.
Rev. S. W. Edmiston,	By mail,	300 00	228 00	Winchester, O.
Rev. T. E. Fidler,	Self,	300 00	228 00	Upper Sandusky, O.
Rev. H. A. M. Henderson,	Self,	250 00	100 00	Hartwell, O.
Rev. J. W. Hickman,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. J. F. Hull,	By mail,	100 00	76 00	Rowland, Ala.
Rev. W. P. Jackson,	By mail,	100 00	76 00	Blanchester, O.
Rev. E. P. James,	Self,	300 00	228 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. C. H. Kalbfus,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Yellow Springs, O.
Rev. H. M. Keck,	Self,	350 00	266 00	Toledo, O.
Rev. S. N. Marsh,	By mail,	300 00	228 00	Fresno, Cal.
Rev. E. McHugh,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Cincinnati, O.
Rev. C. D. Munsey,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Cleveland, Tenn.
Rev. J. S. Ruggles,	By mail,	400 00	304 00	Cincinnati, O.
Rev. R. E. Smith,	Self,	250 00	100 00	Osborn, O.
Rev. W. H. Sutherland,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Wyoming, O.
Rev. G. L. Travis,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Lewisburg, O.
Rev. S. Weeks,	By mail,	400 00	304 00	Pensacola, Fla.
Rev. Wm. M. West,	W. A. Wiant,	200 00	152 00	Madisonville, O.
Rev. L. F. Young,	By mail,	300 00	228 00	Piqua, O.
Total,		\$7650 00	\$5814 00	
Funeral expenses of				
Rev. D. A. McCollm,	Net	50 00	50 00	
Secretary's Record,				
Stationery, Postage, etc.,	Net	6 00	6 00	

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stew- ards	Amount paid.	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIM- ANTS.
WIDOWS.				
Mrs. M. G. Baker, . . .	H. C. Weakley, . . .	\$200 00	\$152 00	Xenia, O.
Mrs. J. I. Bishop, . . .	By mail, . . .	150 00	114 00	Franklin, Ky.
Mrs. S. A. Brewster, . . .	J. L. Duckwall, . . .	150 00	114 00	Springfield, O.
Mrs. D. Callahan, . . .	C. W. Horn, . . .	200 00	152 00	Georgetown, O.
Mrs. J. W. Cassatt, . . .	A. B. Austin, . . .	150 00	114 00	Greenville, O.
Mrs. T. S. Cowden, . . .	By mail, . . .	50 00	38 00	Troy, O.
Mrs. Jesse R. Hall, . . .	W. A. Wiant, . . .	200 00	152 00	Moscow, O.
Mrs. Wm. Herr, . . .	By mail, . . .	200 00	152 00	Dayton, O.
Mrs. W. E. Hines, . . .	T. W. Salt, . . .	200 00	152 00	Williamsburg, O.
Mrs. Fletcher Hypes, . . .	W. B. Brown, . . .	50 00	38 00	Owensville, O.
Mrs. Chas. Kalbfus, . . .	C. H. Kalbfus, . . .	200 00	152 00	Frostburg, Md.
Mrs. J. W. Keely, . . .	C. M. Van Pelt, . . .	50 00	38 00	Oxford, O.
Mrs. G. H. Kennedy, . . .	By mail, . . .	200 00	152 00	Forest, O.
Mrs. Eli Kirk, . . .	By mail, . . .	50 00	38 00	Casstown, O.
Mrs. J. F. Loyd, . . .	By mail, . . .	150 00	114 00	Hillsboro, O.
Mrs. J. F. Marlay, . . .	V. F. Brown, . . .	150 00	114 00	Dayton, O.
Mrs. D. A. McCole, . . .	J. F. McCole, . . .	75 00	57 00	Dayton, O.
Mrs. J. H. Middleton, . . .	George Gable, . . .	175 00	133 00	Greenfield, O.
Mrs. Henry Miller, . . .	M. B. Fuller, . . .	200 00	152 00	Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. A. Musgrove, . . .	By mail, . . .	200 00	152 00	Christiansburg, O.
Mrs. Joseph Newson, . . .	H. E. Armacost, . . .	200 00	151 00	New Carlisle, O.
Mrs. I. C. Page and child,	C. H. Haines, . . .	250 00	190 00	Mechanicsburg, O.
Mrs. G. T. Perry and				
children, . . .	C. W. Briggs, . . .	200 00	152 00	Lynchburg, O.
Mrs. Wm. Runyan, . . .	By mail, . . .	200 00	152 00	Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. E. C. Smith and				
Children, . . .	W. A. Wiant, . . .	300 00	228 00	Dayton, O.
Mrs. Jas. Stephenson, . . .	By mail, . . .	200 00	152 00	Jamestown, O.
Mrs. H. Stokes, . . .	By mail, . . .	100 00	76 00	Cheswold, Del.
Mrs. L. F. Van Cleve, . . .	W. H. Werhly, . . .	100 00	76 00	Troy, O.
Mrs. J. S. Whitney, . . .	M. B. Fuller, . . .	50 00	38 00	Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. Timothy Wones, . . .	J. L. Duckwall, . . .	100 00	76 00	Springfield, O.
Grand total, . . .		12,406 00	\$9,442 00	
Receipts, . . .		\$9,458 11		
Disbursements, . . .		9,442 00		
Cash in Hand, . . .		\$16 11		

G. S. EASTON, *Secretary.*W. A. WIANT, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CINCINNATI ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

ASSETS.

Stocks: 150 Shares, P. P. Mast & Co.,	\$15,000 00
119 Shares, Mast, Foos & Co.,	11,900 00
30 Shares, Little Miami R. R. Co.,	1,500 00
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Notes secured,	\$28,400 00
Lot in Madisonville, O.,	10,400 00
	70 00
Cash in Bank,	4,290 56
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Total,	\$43,160 56

LIABILITIES.

Capital Account,	\$43,160 56
1905	

RECEIPTS.

Bills payable—Temporary loans,	\$776 00	
Bills receivable—Loans paid,	7,549 42	
Interest received,	1,767 30	
Expenses refunded,	13 15	
	<hr/>	\$10,105 87
Cash on hand September, 1904,		1,716 59
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		\$11,822 46

EXPENDITURES.

Bills receivable—Loans made,	\$6,568 82	
Bills payable—Loans paid,	776 00	
Interest paid for Temporary Loans,	36 96	
Expenses,	75 12	
	<hr/>	\$7,456 90
Cash in Fifth National Bank, Cincinnati, O.,		4,365 56
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		\$11,822 46

Interest received as above,	\$1,767 30	
Expenses refunded,	13 15	
Balance interest account, August 31, 1904,	86 59	
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Total,	\$1,867 04	

Interest and expenses paid as above,	112 08	
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Balance brought down, interest account,	\$1,754 96	
Paid Treasurer Conference Stewards,		\$1,725 00
Balance in bank,		29 96
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	\$1,754 96	\$1,754 96

FRANK G. MITCHELL, *Treasurer.*

CINCINNATI, O., September 1, 1905.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE: CONFERENCE TRUSTEES,
CINCINNATI ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

We have carefully and fully examined all the notes, certificates of stock, deeds, mortgages, insurance policies, vouchers, and all accounts, and compared the report herewith submitted with the books of the Treasurer, and find each item to agree. Vouchers were submitted for all disbursements made. We find the books carefully and accurately kept. The cash on hand was found to be deposited in the Fifth National Bank, of Cincinnati, O.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. WEAKLEY,

J. T. BAIL,

C. M. VAN PELT,

Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER FOR 1905.

RECEIPTS.

	CASH.	VOUCHER.	TOTAL.
For Missionary Society,	\$18,939 00	\$9,086 00	\$28,025 00
For Church Extension Society,	1,845 00	431 00	2,276 00
For Sunday-school Union,	339 00	66 00	405 00
For Tract Society,	316 00	58 00	374 00
For Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society,	1,997 00	895 00	2,892 00
For Ohio Wesleyan University (from Public Educational Collections),	393 00	279 00	672 00
For Board of Education (from Children's Day Collections),	775 00	384 00	1,159 00
For American Bible Society,	609 00	1 022 00	1,631 00
For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,	117 00	13,413 00	13,530 00
For Woman's Home Missionary Society,	47 00	11,606 00	11,653 00
Total Disciplinary collections,	\$25,377 00	\$37,240 00	\$62,617 00
For Christ Hospital,	473 00	8,852 00	9,325 00
For General Conference Expenses, . . .	65 00	2 00	67 00
For Other Benevolent Objects,	334 00	44,594 00	44,928 00
For Conference Claimants,	5,250 00	729 00	5,979 00
For Episcopal Fund,	1,430 00	204 00	1,634 00
Fractional Amounts received,	14 61	.....	14 61
Total of all Collections,	\$32,824 61	\$91,621 00	\$124,564 61

DISBURSEMENTS OF CASH.

Paid Jennings & Graham, Publishing Agents, for the Missionary Society, Sunday-school Union, Tract Society, Freedmen's Aid, W. F. M. S., W. H. M. S., Episcopal Fund, and General Conference Expenses, as per amounts credited above,	\$23,250 00
Paid A. D. Maddox, for Conference Claimants,	5,250 00
Paid Samuel Shaw, for Church Extension,	1,845 00
Paid Herbert Welch, for Ohio Wesleyan University,	393 00
Paid W. F. Anderson, for Board of Education,	775 00
Paid W. A. Robinson, for Christ Hospital,	473 00
Paid H. C. Weakley, for Home for the Aged,	295 00
Paid D. W. Clark, for Cincinnati Missionary Society,	7 00
Paid A. B. Leonard, for support of India Preacher,	30 00
Paid S. O. Royal, for Preachers' Relief Society,	2 00
Paid John Pearson, for American Bible Society,	609 00
Paid S. O. Royal, for Publishing Minutes,	14 61
Total disbursements,	\$32,943 61

CALVIN W. HORN, *Conference Treasurer.*

SPRINGFIELD, O., September 11, 1905.

STATISTICS No. 1.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY, - GEORGE M. HAMMELL, Station O, Cincinnati, O.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.			BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Pr'bers.	Deaths.	Adults Bap'd.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonage.	Probable Value.	For building & imp. Ch'rs. & Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.															
Cincinnati: Ashbury....	16	20	2	7	6	7	1	23	170	1	\$ 8,000	\$2,000	50		
Avondale.....	3	225	4		8	5	1	24	168	1	40,000	11,000			
Pleasant Ridge.....	7	122			6	14	1	14	16	1	2,500				
Bond Hill.....	2	100	1				1	16	97	1	5,000		65		
Carthage & Re. ding....	4	186	2	2	8		2	32	225	2	6,50		143		
Christie.....	10	288			8		1	20	150	1	20,000	5,000	250		
Clifton.....		53			1		1	15	6	1	40,000		800		
Columbia.....	11	301			5	7	1	24	232	1	11,000	3,000	281		
Delta Ave.....	11	167	2		10	3	1	20	180	1	12,000		60		
E. Pearl Street.....	4	76	2		8	5	1	10	125	1	12,000	2,000	10		
Elmwood Pl. & C'p Wash	11	185	3		4	2	2	45	375	2	7,500				
Fairmount.....	3	130	1		8	5	1	27	180	1	7,000	2,000	115		
Finley.....	12	120	4		2		1	12	88	1	10,000		100		
N'thside First Church.	21	332	3	1	4	3	1	28	250	1	32,500		256	1,000	
Linwood and Mad. Rd.	2	140	1	1	3	14	2	26	243	2	10,000				1,850
McKendree.....	11	281	1	5	11	7	1	24	14	1	16,000				
Mt. Auburn.....	24	204	3		1	2	1	18	160	1	35,000		1,000		
Mt. Lookout.....		110			4	2	1	12	10	1	5,000	3,500			
Price Hill.....	5	242	2	2	10	17	2	30	301	2	16,000			955	*700
Riverside.....	10	65			10	2	1	18	150	1	5,000				
St. Paul.....	12	710	3	11	40	36	1	30	415	1	125,000	20,000	6,000		
Trinity.....	35	790	2	7	14	20	1	36	350	1	75,000	6,000	1,200		
Walnut Hills.....	10	580	3	7	5	4	1	36	270	1	60,000	15,000	2,575		
Wesley Chapel.....	86	581	5	8	19	27	1	33	300	1	90,000	10,000	230		
Westwood.....	4	240			3		1	22	215	1	50,000	8,000	807		
Groesbeck Sec. 2.....	5	165	1		1	5	3	36	234	3	6,000				
Miamitown, Sec. 3.....	1	120				4	3	20	110	3	2,500		505		
Winton Place.....	5	140	1	4	6	3	1	21	154	1	15,000	10,000	157		
York Street.....	25	178	1	6	3	9	1	28	109	1	15,000		92	262	
Cleves & Addyston.....	13	358	28		15	28	2	24	260	2	6,000	1,500	250	250	
Delhi.....	9	26	1	1	2	4	1	29	150	1	14,000		21	500	
Harrison.....		166			4	2	2	10	90	1	6,000	1,000	45		
Hartwell.....	4	262	2		2	5	1	27	190	1	12,000	3,000	301		
Lockland-Wyoming....	4	330	3		3	6	1	24	191	1	25,000	6,000	232		
Madisonville.....	10	400	1	1	4	3	1	30	27	1	25,000	3,000	175		
Norwood: 1st Church..	25	362	1	3	11	18	1	24	339	1	22,000		5,000		*9,000
Grace Church.....		236	1	1	10	4	1	25	225	1	5,500				1,300
Cincinnati Miss. Soc..	185	307		5	16	2	4	34	249	3	9,500		3,400		
Totals.....	600	9761	28	139	268	308	50	937	7626	49	864,500	112,500	24,100	3,700	12,850
DAYTON DISTRICT.															
Bethany.....	7	174		4			1	14	65	1	3,000	1,000	50		
Brookville & Pyrmont..	17	159	1	2	3	11	2	23	110	2	4,800		625		
Camden & Somerville..	3	236		6	5	6	2	30	230	2	9,000	2,000	300		
Centerville.....	16	404			3	2	3	30	180	2	8,000	1,000	300		
Dayton: Broadway.....	38	806	2	13	5	9	1	66	720	1	15,000	3,500	115		
Grace.....	4	780	1	12	13	4	1	30	400	1	60,000	12,000	200		
Homestead Avenue.....	5	70		1	7	6	1	15	115	1	5,000		106		
Raper.....	23	870	1	13	14	17	1	50	539	1	70,000		1,521	3,316	22,025
Riverdale.....	2	252			2		1	20	200	1	18,000		100	700	5,500
St. Paul.....	12	915	2		12	20	1	53	600	1	27,000	5,000	200		1,500
Trinity.....	16	368	2	7	35	42	1	37	340	1	10,000	3,000		400	1,200
Eaton & W. Alexandria	20	500	2	11	10	38	2	44	395	2	28,000	3,000	550		
Ebenezer & Woodward..	37	327		1	3	19	2	45	830	2	4,955	1,500	371		
Fair Haven & Sugar Val.	5	266			1	3	22	31	153	2	6,000	3,000	388		
Fort Jefferson.....	14	203		5	2	18	3	48	320	4	6,000	1,700	600		
Franklin.....	10	345		10		2	1	18	180	1	20,000	4,000		2,000	150
Germantown.....	3	155		7	2		1	22	125	1	5,000		30		
Gordon.....	2	160		3		3	50	245	3	9,800		2,800	450	50	
Hamilton & Lindenwald	8	763	1	14	31	34	2	69	975	2	10,500	10,000	1,842		
Lewisburg.....		120			2		2	12	150	1	4,000	1,000	75		
Minimburg.....	15	358		8	4	5	1	34	361	1	3,700	5,000	217	1,847	3,000
Middletown.....	48	642		3	18		1	24	530	1	40,000	2,000	753	403	
Monroe.....	2	160		3	6	8	2	18	135	2	9,500	2,000	185	100	
New Paris.....	20	147		3		2	2	25	100	3	2,000	700	33		

* Debt provided for.

+ Partly provided for.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.			BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers...	Full Members...	Local Priests...	Deaths...	Children Bapt'd...	Adults B.apt'd...	Schools...	Officers and Teachers...	Scholars...	Churches...	Probable Value...	Parnsonages...	Probable Val.	For build- & impr. Chrs & Parnsonages...	Present in- debtedness on Ch. Property...
DAYTON DIST.—Cont'd.															
Osborn	18	301	1	3	1	2	4	58	325	4	\$12,000	1	\$2,500	\$ 345	\$1,500
Oxford	19	406	1	5	3		1	26	250	1	20,000	1	3,500		1,600
Port Union and Glendale	14	176	1	1		3	4	40	158	4	9,000	1	2,500		
Red Lion & Merrittstown	10	187	1				2	22	153	2	3,500	1	1,000	15	
Seven Mile	5	262		4	4	1	2	26	160	2	11,500	1	1,000	400	
Springboro and Lytle	7	236	1	1		2	2	29	275	2	3,200	1	2,000		
Venice	2	367		2			5	66	250	5	9,900	1	800	3,123	
Walker & Union		90					2	14	98	2	2,700				
West Carrollton	6	240			5		1	16	200	1	17,000	1	2,500	8,000	125
West Chester	4	300			6	3	3	30	140	3	6,200	1	1,200	20	
West Elkton		250	3	2		3	3	38	210	5	3,000	1	500	300	
West Milton	7	190		3				45	175	5	4,500	1	400	200	49
Totals	119	12115	19	154	190	287	69	1228	9922	75	481,755	29	78,300	23,797	10,174
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.															
Belfast	14	465		8	14	10	6	60	300	6	10,000	1	1,200	50	
Blanchester	10	327	1	3	3	21	1	24	250	1	10,000	1	1,600	173	900
Bowersville	8	226	2	3	1		3	31	207	4	9,800	1	850	131	74
Butlerville	1	325		5		7	5	55	300					300	
Centerfield	8	68					2	20	68	3	2,400				
Clarksville	10	215		4			3	36	190	3	6,000	1	2,000	225	
Greenfield	25	1,245	1	9	45	9	1	39	4	1	70,000	1	6,500		8,000
Highland	15	405	1	5		15	3	50	340	3	9,000	1	3,000	200	
Hillsboro	7	847	2	1	4	27	1	34	587	1	12,000	1	7,000	5,100	
Jamestown	3	351	1	4		2	1	19	150	1	12,000	1	2,000	80	
Leesburg	22	325	2	7			3	53	295	3	13,500	1	2,000	80	
Loveland	5	168		2			1	17	150	1	6,000			25	
Lynchburg	3	505	1	7		3	4	54	300	4	12,000	1	2,000	5,500	2,200
Maineville	4	185		2	1	3	3	32	200	3	6,000	1	1,500	1,025	
Martinsville	7	320	1	2	11	10	5	30	235	5	7,500	1	600	40	
Morrow	9	150		3			1	18	140	1	3,500	1	1,500	200	
New Burlington	7	517	2	4	2	6	4	57	333	4	7,100	1	1,500	285	
New Jasper	14	284		5			3	35	200	3	7,500	1	1,800	80	
New Vienna	6	337		2		38	3	38	235	3	11,000	1	2,500	500	
Rainsboro	9	459		7	2	9	4	50	425	4	8,000	1	1,000	475	
Sabina	8	278		3	6	3	1	24	180	1	12,000	1	1,200	280	
Sinking Springs	12	331	1	4		23	5	50	218	5	5,200	1	1,000	1,012	
South Lebanon	3	170	1	7	15	14	3	25	160	3	4,000	1	2,000	450	
Sugar Tree Ridge	9	308	1	3			5	48	260	6	5,800	1	1,100	925	125
Union	13	390		5	47	11	5	72	360	5	5,800	1	2,000	175	
Waynesville	5	288		7		3	2	27	224	2	6,000	1	2,000	125	
Wilmington	3	295	1	2			5	22	125	1	15,000	1	6,500	2,250	1,986
Xenia: First Church	19	720	1	9	17	23	1	39	500	1	33,000	1	4,500	600	344
Trinity	7	300			2	4	1	23	180	1	20,000	1	5,000	300	
Totals	266	10794	19	123	142	276	81	1098	7583	79	330,100	26	64,050	20,605	4,385
MILFORD DISTRICT.															
Aberdeen	9	402		2		12	4	45	210	4	5,000	1	700	15	
Amelia	10	343	3	6		24	3	39	200	3	6,000	1	1,000	80	150
Batavia	7	268			3	4	1	21	200	1	15,000	1	1,500	523	
Bethel	2	395	1	6		12	4	60	325	4	4,000	1	1,500	250	
Branch Hill	22	145	1	3	10	6	4	22	10	5	12,000			250	15
Chilo	8	172		4			3	28	115	4	5,500	1	400	27	
Decatur		350	1	4		3	5	70	400	5	6,500	1	1,200	300	
Dunkinville	17	200	1	3		8	3	27	105	3	2,500			23	
Feesburg		247		3		3	5	48	243	5	5,100	1	800		
Felicity		306	3	4	2	1	3	41	280	3	5,800	1	900	80	
Georgetown		400		10	2	4	3	44	300	3	10,000	1	1,800	50	
Goshen	5	198	1	3	10	25	2	28	145	2	6,000	1	2,000	80	
Laurel	23	422		4		1	4	54	300	4	7,000	1	1,800	200	
Lebanon	8	364		4	3	6	1	23	175	1	12,000	1	2,500	650	
Manchester	6	320		5	2	12	3	38	255	3	7,000	1	1,500	1,131	
Marrathon	4	460	1	3	4	40	5	50	250	5	8,000	1	1,200	400	
Mason	10	273		5	9	6	3	40	375	3	8,200	1	3,500		40
Milford	6	334		3	9	14	1	25	230	1	6,000	1	2,500	850	
Moscow	8	281	2	4			4	40	207	4	12,000			75	
Mount Orab	6	480		10		5	5	75	380	5	7,000	1	1,800	375	150
Mt. Washington		100	1	3		3	3	27	300	3	3,000	1	1,000	250	
Mulberry		235	1	2	3		6	51	351	6	6,500			80	
New Richmond	29	247		5		46	1	25	150	1	4,500	1	1,500	50	200
Newtown	24	305		4	7	5	4	35	225	4	9,000	1	2,000	1,000	
Owensville	3	380		3		4	4	52	300	4	7,000	1	1,200	150	30

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.				CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	Probationers.	Full Members	Local Pr'bers.	Deaths.....	Adults Bap'd	Child'n Bap'd	Schools.....	Officers and Teachers....	Scholars.....	Churches.....	Probable Value.....	Parsonages...	Probable Val.	Paid for build. & impr. Ch'rs & Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.
MILFORD DIST.—Cont'd																
Peebles.....	2	307	1	4	3	7	3	43	266	3	\$ 3,600	1	\$1,000	\$1,200	.....	\$ 30
Ripley.....	7	293	1	3	3	12	1	16	200	1	40,000	1	3,000	30	\$450	50
Summerside.....	15	268	1	3	11	4	55	240	4	8,000	1	1,800	116	.....	.....	.....
West Union.....	19	524	6	54	8	3	42	359	3	4,600	1	1,500	200	.....	.....	.....
Williamsburg.....	4	378	1	4	3	4	1	30	180	1	4,000	1	1,800	65	.....	.....
Williamsburg Circuit.....	1	316	1	1	.....	4	40	200	5	7,000	.....	.....	40	250	250	.....
Winchester-Seaman.....	17	309	1	1	.....	2	31	343	2	11,500	1	1,000	50	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	273	10022	20	123	133	273	102	1256	7950	105	259,300	27	42,400	9,310	1,008	750
SPRINGFIELD DIST.																
Arcanum.....	6	160	1	1	3	6	1	17	180	1	6,000	1	2,000	100	.....	.....
Brandt.....	7	100	.....	2	.....	1	3	15	180	4	4,800	1	1,200	92	.....	.....
Catawba.....	3	367	.....	2	2	5	3	40	250	3	9,000	1	2,500	850	.....	.....
Cedarville.....	3	284	.....	3	1	7	2	26	189	2	6,000	1	2,500	410	50	450
Christiansburg.....	3	272	2	1	1	15	3	39	251	4	9,500	1	1,000	40	.....	.....
Concord.....	6	256	.....	5	12	2	30	210	2	7,000	1	1,200	798	.....	25	.....
Covington.....	9	154	.....	1	2	15	1	18	104	1	4,000	1	2,000	800	.....	.....
Dialton.....	9	297	1	4	.....	1	3	50	205	3	7,600	1	1,250	230	.....	.....
Greenville.....	3	382	1	7	5	12	1	30	295	1	27,000	1	5,500	115	1,200	1,300
King's Creek.....	3	164	1	3	.....	17	4	37	240	4	5,500	1	1,200	400	.....	.....
Mechanicsburg.....	31	387	.....	5	1	6	1	22	200	1	30,000	1	2,500	100	684	.....
Mutual.....	12	250	.....	4	.....	6	4	50	200	4	7,500	1	800	.....	.....	.....
New Carlisle.....	14	291	2	1	3	36	1	28	250	1	4,000	1	1,500	300	.....	.....
New Moorefield.....	.....	337	.....	2	1	29	4	50	340	4	12,000	1	1,700	100	.....	.....
Piqua: Grace.....	.....	333	1	9	4	27	1	25	224	1	6,000	1	3,500	.....	.....	.....
Greene Street.....	24	625	1	12	16	2	1	30	310	1	30,000	1	9,000	300	1,400	400
South Charleston.....	75	425	1	4	5	85	2	33	375	2	12,000	2	5,000	400	.....	.....
Springfield: Central.....	14	906	1	14	10	13	1	61	615	1	20,000	1	10,000	975	1,230	400
Clifton Ave.....	.....	321	1	2	21	8	1	30	280	1	3,500	.....	.....	600	450	.....
Grace.....	8	313	.....	3	14	2	22	235	2	2,200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
High Street.....	6	594	1	10	10	15	1	22	200	1	70,000	1	10,000	8,000	.....	.....
St. Paul.....	3	392	.....	14	2	1	34	220	1	40,000	1	2,000	.....	1,000	3,000	.....
Tippecanoe City.....	11	255	1	1	2	8	1	20	180	1	15,000	1	2,000	150	.....	.....
Tremont City.....	7	260	1	3	.....	1	3	41	264	3	12,000	.....	233	.....	.....	.....
Troy.....	13	465	.....	16	1	13	1	27	350	1	60,000	1	7,000	300	4,500	.....
Troy Circuit.....	8	291	.....	7	11	32	3	44	274	3	8,000	1	1,500	350	.....	.....
Urbana: First Church.....	10	625	1	4	4	3	1	25	300	1	40,000	1	4,500	300	600	200
Grace.....	8	540	2	6	.....	14	1	25	264	1	25,000	1	5,000	1,300	1,100	350
Vienna Cross Roads.....	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	1	13	45	1	4,500	.....	1,607	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yellow Springs.....	12	484	.....	.....	7	12	3	50	400	3	10,000	1	1,500	200	100	100
Totals.....	308	10615	19	136	127	407	57	954	7639	59	497,600	27	87,850	18,150	8,264	11,175

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.				CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	Probationers.	Full Members	Local Pr'bers.	Deaths.....	Adults Bap'd	Child'n Bap'd	Schools.....	Officers and Teachers....	Scholars.....	Churches.....	Probable Value.....	Parsonages...	Probable Val.	Paid for build. & impr. Ch'rs & Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.
Cincinnati.....	600	3671	28	139	268	308	50	937	7024	49	\$864,500	18	112,500	\$24120	\$3,043	\$12850
Dayton.....	419	12115	19	154	190	287	69	1228	9922	75	481,755	29	78,300	23,797	10,174	37,804
Hillsboro.....	266	10,94	19	123	142	276	81	1098	7583	79	330,100	26	64,050	20,605	4,385	13,285
Milford.....	273	10022	20	123	133	273	102	1256	7950	105	259,300	27	42,400	9,310	1,098	750
Springfield.....	308	10615	19	136	127	407	57	954	7639	59	497,600	27	87,850	18,150	8,264	11,175
Totals, 1905.....	1866	33217	105	675	860	1551	359	5473	40720	367	2433255	127	385100	95982	26,963	75,864
Totals, 1904.....	1645	32606	115	708	777	1387	360	5442	41439	367	2454000	125	374550	195782	20,089	54,645
Increase.....	221	611	.....	.....	83	164	.....	31	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	10	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	719	.....	20,745	.....	10,550	99,800	2,126	21,219

STATISTICS No. II.—RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY, GEO. M. HAMMELL, Station "O," Cincinnati, O.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.							
	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Grades.	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in Home Department.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars, whether Attend-ants or Members in Home Dept who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Members of Sunday-school Converted during the Year.
Cincinnati,	50	937	7,626	5,365	396	884	3,627	610
Dayton,	69	1,228	9,922	6,124	805	1,198	5,543	487
Hillsboro,	81	1,098	7,583	4,549	484	1,064	4,234	587
Milford	102	1,256	7,950	5,420	296	1,191	3,752	388
Springfield,	57	954	7,639	5,034	584	919	4,209	675
Totals, 1905,	359	5,473	40,720	26,492	2,565	5,256	21,365	2,747
Totals, 1904,	360	5,442	41,439	26,444	2,368	5,028	21,374	2,504
Increase,	31	48	197	228	243
Decrease,	1	719	9
								\$87

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* Among the other collections for Mt. Auburn is \$18,000 for the Home for Aged, and \$5,000 for Bethesda Hospital from Mrs. John L. Whetsone.

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—DAYTON DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.					SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS.	SUPP'T OF BISHOP		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		CURRENT EXPENSES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.														Gen'l Conf. Expenses					
		CLAIMS.		RECEIPTS.				Deficiencies.....	Amount Appor- tioned.....		Amount Paid.....	Amount Apportioned		REC'D FROM.	Other Sources. Collections.....	Total	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.....	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.....	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension	S. S. UNION.	Tract Society.....	EDUCA- TION.	American Bible Soc., Missionary Society	Woman's Foreign Society		W. H. M. SOCIETY.	Total Other Benevo- lent Collections.....			
		Salary	House Rent.....	Salary	House Rent.....	Total.....													(a) Church.....	(b) S. S.	(c) Spec'l Gifts S. S.										(a) Church.....	(b) S. S.	(c) Cash .....	(b) Supplies.....
Bethany.....	J. H. Lease.....	\$650	\$75	\$725	\$650	\$75	\$725		\$54	\$54	\$6	\$5	\$784	\$10	\$10	\$100	\$50	\$38	\$12	\$50	\$3	\$1		\$1	\$5	\$1	\$2	\$1	\$27	\$16		\$3	
Brookville and Pyrmont	C. S. Grouser.....	300		300	300		300		22	22	2	2	324	8	8	87	83	26	4	30	1				2	2	1	2					
Camden & Somerville	S. B. Timmons.....	650	150	800	650	150	800		53	43			813	3	3	275	100	57	10	67	3	2		2	2	4	2		43		75		
Centerville.....	A. D. Maddox.....	800	170	950	800	150	950		71	71	12	12	1033	64	64	225	70	120	92	212	15	4		3	3	4	5		60		22		
Dayton: Broadway...	C. W. Elliott.....	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400		105	105	15	15	1520	30	30	600	267	230	101	331	20	3		3	3	20	3	14	4	189	102	\$50	208
Grace.....	H. C. Jameson.....	2500	720	3220	2500	720	3220		241	241	40	35	3500	200	200	843	300	447	403	350	150	12		12	160	15	15	25	265	726		200	
Homestead Ave.....	G. W. Keen.....	600		600	600		600		18	18	3		618			102	40	4	3	7													
Raper.....	V. F. Brown.....	1600	300	1900	1600	300	1900		142	142	23	23	2065	56	56	1179	205	176	204	380	31	7		8	40	7	13	14	254	156	65	174	
Riverdale.....	E. W. Serl.....	1000		1000	1000		1000		75	75	10		1075	15	15	204	120	15	20	35	4	1		1	4	10	2		16	10		32	
St. Paul.....	J. G. Vaughan.....	1600	300	1900	1600	300	1900		142	142	20	20	2062	80	80	1200	300	350	150	500	40			5	30	165	10	5	237	125	64	2109	
Trinity.....	O. M. Sellers.....	800	200	1000	800	200	1000		69	69	11	11	1080	30	30	300	150	37	31	72	7	2		2	7	5	13	5		18		101	
Eaton and West	W. A. Wiant.....	1500	200	1700	1500	200	1700		128	128	21	21	1841	80	80	700	247	296	44	340	14	2		3	11	8	8	17	107	184	63	178	
Alexandria.....	W. E. Verity.....	550	132	682	550	132	682		48	48			730	15	15	169	174	55	31	5	91	1	1		1	10		17	1	3		21	
Ebenezer and Wood- ward Ave.....	W. T. Gilliland.....	600	60	660	673	60	733	Ex 73	49	49	9	9	791	50	50	163	85	487	38	525	20	5		5	24		12	13				20	
Fort Jefferson.....	D. S. Ferguson.....	600	50	650	602	60	662	Ex 12	49	49			711	12	12	125	100	64	6	70	5	1		1	5	1	2	2	1		1	9	
Franklin.....	C. Wones.....	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150		86	86	12	12	1248	30	30	240	75	40	45	85	10	2		2	15		5	5	35	38		67	
Germantown.....	J. J. Hawk.....	500		500	535		535	Ex 35	37	37	5	5	577	20	20	170	95	37	30	67	5	1		1	10	1	1	1				244	
Gordon.....	C. L. Gowdy.....	600		600	600		600		45	45	11	11	652	15	15	185	120	66	24	90				1	10	2		3					
Hamilton.....	C. E. Schenk.....	2200	300	2500	2200	300	2500		162	162	20	20	2742	50	50	1315	533	357	103	400	25			10	3	30	10	12	20	242	111		380
Lindenwald.....	S. A. Stephan.....	320		320	320		320		32	32			320			146	98	6		6	1	1		1	3		5						
Lewisburg.....	G. L. Travis.....	400	100	500	400	100	500		35	35	7	7	512	32	32	122	128	29	21	50	10	2		2	11		4	5		56	30	21	
Miamisburg.....	S. W. Bell.....	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400		105	105	17	17	1522	100	100	501	231	237	83	320	25	5		5	25	13	27	25	64	69	35	183	
Middletown.....	W. E. Hammaker.....	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400		112	112	15	15	1527	96	96	943	254	130	45	184	35	2		2	37	5	8	12	41	94	75	166	
Monroe.....	J. A. Jenkinson.....	800	100	900	800	100	900		67	67	9	9	976	7	7	100	40	35	15	50	2	1		1	4	1	5	2		17		10	
New Paris.....	D. Matthews.....	460	50	510	462	50	512	Ex 2	40	40	7	5	557	10	10	75	50	10	8	18						5	3	3	1				
Osborn.....	F. Leever.....	700	110	810	700	110	810		60	60	12	12	882	10	10	245	150	30		30	2	1			2	1	5	1	47			(7)	
Oxford.....	C. M. Van Pelt.....	1400	240	1640	1400	240	1640		123	123	18	18	1781	56	56	688	175	153	50	203	15	2		2	10		20	18	156	94	76	223	
Port Union and Glendale		800	125	925	767	125	892	33	69	65	8	5	962	17	17	122	57	18	9	27	3	1		1	3		7	2				6	
Red Lion and Merrittstown	D. W. C. Washburn.....	600	75	675	6	3	75	678	Ex 3	50	50	8	8	736	3	3	125	40	6	9	15	2			2								
Seven Mile, Darrtown	O. P. Hoffman.....	700	100	800	736	100	836	Ex 36	60	60	10	10	906	56	56	127	72	126	19	145	24	2		2	25	5	10	10	47			3	
Springboro and Lytle	J. W. Patton.....	600	75	675	600	75	675		50	50	10	10	735	12	12	140	92	49	26	75	2	1		1	5	2	4	2		51	15		
Venice.....	W. D. English.....	700	75	775	700	75	775		60	60	5	5	840	15	15	160	158	40		40	10				10		19	2				15	
Walker and Union.....	G. H. Pettingill.....	444		444	449		449	Ex 5	38	26	9	2	477	3	3	75	30	12	5	17					4		5					9	
West Carrollton.....	J. W. Gaddis.....	900	200	1100	900	200	1100		82	82	12	12	1194			220	110	43	37	80	5	1		1	5	2	2	3	59	72	25	217	
West Chester.....	J. F. McColm.....	650	100	750	581	100	681		69	56	51	9	738	5	5	120	50	20	5	25	1	1		1	1	1	3	1					
West Elton.....	S. S. Myrick.....	400	60	460	410	60	470		30	23	5	4	497	20	20	85	72	42	8	50	8			1	8	2	2	4					
West Milton.....	F. J. Reinbarth.....	475	100	575	433	100	533		42	46	49	5	582	8	8	150	85	12	5	17				1		2	2	4				66	
Totals.....		31999	4957	36956	32021	4957	36978	Ex 22	2679	2644	386	349	39971	1218	1218	12326	5013	3909	1696	9	5614	502		83	74	557	257	286	220	1874	2458	4671	2

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS.	SUIT OF BISHOP	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.....	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		CURRENT EXPENSES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.														Gen'l Conf. Expenses																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
		CLAIMS.		RECEIPTS.		Deficiencies.....	Amount Appor- tioned.....				Amount Paid.....	Amount Apportioned.....		REC'D FROM.	Other Sources.....	Total	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.....	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.....	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension.....	S. S. UNION.		Tract Society.....	EDUCA TION.	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Soc'y		American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	W. H. M. SOCIETY.		Total Other Benevo- lent Collections.....																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																															
		Salary	House Rent.....	Total.....	Salary														House Rent.....	Total.....	(a) Church.....		(b) S. S.	(c) Spec'l Gifts							(a) Cash	(b) Supplies.....																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																
Belfast	B. E. Smith	\$600	\$100	\$700	\$589	\$100	\$68	\$20	\$46	\$46	\$8	\$7	\$733	\$3	\$3	\$100	\$60	\$50	\$55	\$3	\$16	\$16	\$1	\$1	\$36	83	61

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—MILFORD DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS.	SUPP'T OF BISHOP.	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.....	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		CURRENT EXPENSES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																										
		CLAIMS.		RECEIPTS.		Deficiencies.....	Amount Apportioned				Amount Paid.....	Amount Apportioned		Amount Paid.....	REC'D FROM.	Other Sources Collections...	MISSIONS.				S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.....	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.....	S. S. Union.	Board of Church Extension.....	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Society	EDUCA- TION.	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionsary Society	W. H. M. SOCIETY.	W. H. M. SOCIETY.	Total Other Benevo- lent Collections.....	Gen'l Conf. Expenses								
		Total.....	House Rent.....	Salary	House Rent.....												Total.....	Total.....	(a) Church.....	(b) S. S.....													(c) Spect'l Gifts.....	(d) Child's Fund	(a) Pub. Edu. Col	(b) S. S.....	(a) Church.....	(b) S. S.....	(a) Cash	(b) Supplies.....
Aberdeen.....	[W. F. Martin].....	\$600	\$100	\$700	\$600	\$100	\$700	\$60	\$60	\$8	\$8	\$768	\$20	\$20	\$140	\$600	\$74	\$4	\$78	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$47							
Amelia.....	G. R. Franger.....	625	100	725	630	100	730	.....	60	60	9	9	798	40	.....	40	185	117	82	33	.....	120	18	3	2	16	5	10	6	10	7	.....							
Batavia.....	W. H. Spybey.....	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	74	74	10	10	1004	9	.....	9	319	142	37	15	.....	52	4	2	2	12	18	16	25	53	.....								
Bethel.....	L. A. Washburn.....	630	100	730	611	100	711	\$19	49	47	8	8	766	15	.....	15	150	110	64	11	.....	75	5	1	10	4	3	3	2	55	.....								
Branch Hill.....	[B. H. Lewis].....	460	.....	460	475	.....	475	.....	32	32	5	4	511	2	\$3	.....	100	50	10	18	.....	28	2	1	16	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			
Chilo.....	[A. E. Huntington].....	450	36	486	450	36	486	.....	29	29	6	.....	515	3	.....	3	175	55	18	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decatur.....	D. S. Ewry.....	600	100	700	580	100	680	20	50	42	6	6	728	12	.....	12	130	75	120	10	.....	10	2	1	2	2	12	.....	.....	.....	85	.....							
Dunkinsville.....	[T. J. Lewis].....	838	.....	838	838	.....	838	.....	28	28	5	1	367	.....	.....	.....	50	31	18	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Feesburg.....	[Fee Naylor].....	500	75	575	488	75	563	12	50	50	5	5	618	5	.....	5	100	86	22	8	.....	30	1	.....	1	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Felicity.....	W. J. Baker.....	600	100	700	602	100	702	.....	53	53	6	6	761	13	.....	13	218	75	55	3	.....	58	3	.....	25	9	2	17	.....	.....	.....	.....				
Georgetown.....	C. W. Horn.....	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	66	66	10	10	996	30	.....	30	225	77	92	18	.....	110	10	1	10	1	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			
Goshen.....	G. M. Fulton.....	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	53	53	5	5	758	25	.....	25	185	105	25	25	.....	50	1	1	1	7	2	2	2	30	.....	.....						
Laurel.....	W. E. Spurrier.....	600	85	685	600	85	685	.....	54	54	6	6	745	20	.....	20	187	90	66	14	.....	80	10	1	1	2	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....				
Lebanon.....	W. A. Cooper.....	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	90	90	10	10	1300	40	40	400	100	213	94	\$30	337	25	2	2	26	9	6	227	166	81	175							
Manchester.....	J. Verity.....	600	100	700	575	100	675	25	60	50	1	1	721	3	.....	3	165	96	46	18	.....	64	2	1	1	6	1	33	.....	.....	.....	.....				
Marathon.....	[W. E. Shriver].....	500	75	575	500	75	575	.....	44	44	6	6	625	20	.....	20	155	85	56	7	.....	64	2	2	.....	3	1	29	.....	.....	.....	.....				
Mason.....	W. E. Putt.....	800	150	950	816	150	966	.....	64	65	10	10	1041	10	.....	10	160	125	42	25	.....	67	3	1	6	11	3	42	.....	.....	.....	.....				
Milford.....	M. LeSourd.....	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1350	.....	111	111	12	12	1473	135	.....	135	230	15	250	175	.....	425	45	6	55	10	15	126	158	45	382	.....							
Moscow.....	J. A. Winkler.....	600	72	672	600	72	672	.....	50	54	8	8	734	25	.....	25	292	124	68	14	.....	82	5	2	5	2	18	5	.....	.....	.....	.....				
Mount Orab.....	T. G. Williams.....	750	150	900	570	150	720	180	63	55	10	8	783	5	.....	5	250	125	12	4	.....	16	2	1	2	10	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			
Mount Washington.....	C. T. Crum.....	535	75	610	535	75	610	.....	45	45	5	5	600	5	5	10	150	50	21	32	.....	53	8	1	3	5	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....				
Mulberry.....	F. L. Hollingsworth.....	584	60	644	411	60	501	143	48	48	5	.....	549	.....	.....	.....	123	78	5	3	.....	8	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			
New Richmond.....	W. J. Dunham.....	700	150	850	700	150	850	54	54	8	8	912	5	5	225	75	40	5	45	2	1	2	2	6	3	1	2							
Newtown.....	T. P. Walter.....	600	120	720	600	120	720	.....	42	42	7	7	769	12	.....	12	275	100	35	25	.....	60	6	2	6	3	3	40	.....	.....	.....	.....				
Owensville.....	W. B. Brown.....	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	52	52	6	6	758	10	.....	10	200	70	45	15	5	65	1	1	1	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....				
Peebles.....	John Phillips.....	615	100	715	615	100	715	.....	60	60	9	8	783	23	.....	23	135	88	60	5	.....	65	6	2	2	2	3	10	.....	.....	.....	.....				
Ripley.....	H. W. Bailey.....	900	200	1100	900	200	1100	74	74	10	10	1184	13	13	360	100	50	30	80	2	1	2	2	4	5	11	10							
Summerside.....	A. G. Newton.....	550	75	625	550	75	625	.....	45	45	7	7	677	10	.....	10	130	100	50	30	.....	80	5	2	5	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			
West Union.....	W. C. Mitchell.....	700	100	800	702	100	802	60	60	5	5	867	17	17	160	100	90	10	100	10	2	2	10	5	2	14	42							
Williamsburg.....	T. W. Salt.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	52	52	10	10	862	27	.....	27	150	100	75	30	.....	105	8	2	3	10	4	113	18	.....	.....	.....					
Williamsburg Circuit.....	J. E. H. Sentman.....	500	.....	500	420	.....	420	80	40	38	6	4	462	10	.....	10	185	80	8	.....	8	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winchester-Seaman.....	J. M. Bailey.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	53	53	10	5	858	5	5	132	93	40	10	50	4	1	3	4	4	2	1							
Totals.....	20737	3113	23850	20298	3113	23411	439	1745	1740	234	208	25359	569	8	577	6089	2031	1880	697	35	2621	203	48	42	269	64	178	97	660	615	1406							

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS.	SUPP'T OF BISHOP	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.....	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		CURRENT EXPENSES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																									
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		Salary.....	House Rent.....	Total.....	Salary.....	House Rent.....	Total.....	(a) Church.....	(b) S. S.				(c) Spec'l Gifts								Total.....	(a) Church.....	(b) S. S.	(c) Cash		(d) Supplies.....																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																													

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS. STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.

DISTRICTS.	PRESIDING ELDER.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS.	SUPP'T OF BISHOPS		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.....	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		CURRENT EXPENSES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																		
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.				Deficiencies.....	Amount Paid.....		Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid.....		REC'D FROM.	Other Sources. Collections ...	Total.....	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.....	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.....	MISSIONS.	Board of Church Extension.....	S. S. Union	Tract Society.....	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Soc'y	EDUCA- TION.		American Bible Soc..	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevo- lent Collections.....	Gen'l Conf. Expenses		
		House Rent....	Total.....	Salary	House Rent....	Total.....	Salary																		(a) Pub. Edu. Col	(b) Child's Fund							
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Cincinnati.....	D. W. Clark	45227	7030	52257	45374	7030	52401	Ex 147	2535	2535	454	419	5335	1959	33	1992	23834	5338	6936	2452	9288	1003	151	145	1300	240	215	409	7731	5798	37438	3
Dayton.....	H. D. Ketcham...	31999	4957	36956	32021	4957	36978	Ex 22	2679	2644	386	311	39071	218	.....	1218	12326	5013	3909	1696	.....	5614	502	83	74	557	257	286	220	1874	2458	4671	2
Hillsboro.....	D. L. Aultman...	22562	3648	26210	22225	3618	25873	337	1838	1849	291	281	28300	932	3	935	10709	33380	3051	1370	983	5354	216	54	40	305	60	183	117	1310	1032	6185	7
Milford.....	A. N. Spahr	20737	3113	23850	20298	3113	23111	439	1745	1740	231	208	23359	569	8	577	6039	2931	1880	697	35	2621	203	48	42	269	64	178	97	660	615	1406	.....
Springfield.....	G. W. Dubois.....	25690	5265	30955	25732	5255	30987	Ex 33	2010	1987	430	382	3335	964	.....	964	12051	3649	3049	2018	81	5148	322	69	64	461	51	297	728	1955	1750	3253	55
Totals, 1905...	.....	146215	21013	170228	145650	24003	169653	575	1937	10755	1795	1638	182000	3612	44	5686	64959	20311	18834	8133	1058	23025	2276	405	374	2892	672	1159	1631	13530	11653	52053	67
Totals, 1904...	.....	138845	22972	161817	137931	22972	160903	914	10616	19501	1637	1562	172966	3873	.....	5873	59300	19468	16360	7700	.....	24060	2191	377	338	2093	671	1097	1218	14424	9840	23093	710
Increase .....	.....	7370	1041	8411	7719	1031	8750	.....	221	251	158	76	9080	.....	44	.....	5650	943	2474	433	1058	3965	85	28	36	229	1	62	413	.....	1813	30860	.....
Decrease .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	333	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	231	.....	187	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	804	.....	643	.....

C. COMMITTEES.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

If the world is to be evangelized, the Word must be supplied. The Gospel alone is the "power of God unto salvation." God has commanded that we sow the seed, and He has promised to bless and make it fruitful. God will keep His promises; we must meet His requirements. There are a few things to be carefully remembered about the Bible Society:

1. It is our only source of supply of the indispensable Book in all our mission-fields.

2. As the missionary work expands, the demands upon this society increase, and these demands must be met, or our missionary work be crippled.

3. For many years our contributions for this society were from one-sixth to one-fourth the amount given for missions; but lately it has been but one fortieth. This is probably because of the mistaken idea that the Bible Society is rich and increased in goods and in need of but little, thus placing it on a level with our smallest collections. As a matter of fact, with its present income this society is not able to meet one-fourth of the calls that are made upon it. Therefore, believing that the claims of this society are of the highest order, and in every way worthy the confidence of the whole Church,—

(1) We indorse an apportionment for this work equal to one-eighth of the amount asked for missions, and request the Presiding Elders to, in the usual way, apportion this amount to the several pastoral charges.

(2) In view of the urgency of this work and the remarkable opportunity for getting the Bible into Japan through the Japanese army, an opportunity creating a demand which we dare not ignore nor fail in our response to it, we recommend that this cause be presented to the people as early in the Conference year as possible, and the collections be forwarded at once to the proper authorities.

(3) That we heartily indorse the splendid work being done in behalf of this great work by the Rev. John Pearson, D. D., Field Agent, and request the Presiding Bishop to reappoint him to that position.

J. D. DARLING, *Secretary*.

W. J. BAKER, *President*.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

WE, your Auditing Committee, having examined the following accounts, believe them correct: Treasurer of Publishing Committee account, Conference Treasurer's account, Treasurer of Board of Stewards, and statement of Mears Bequest.

J. F. LAIRD, *Secretary*.

O. D. BECKER, *Chairman*.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

THE work accomplished by the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church places an interesting chapter in the history of American Methodism. The aid it gives to needy congregations has

made it possible for fourteen thousand places to have a permanent Church home. The steady growth of the society, its readiness to help in time of need, the increasing annual contributions toward its support, promises for it a long life and a permanent place among the working forces which our Methodism utilizes in her effort to "evangelize this continent and spread Scriptural holiness over these lands."

In every State in the Union, as well as on the islands of the sea, the influence of the society is felt. We find one-half of all our Churches in this United States have been aided by its treasury.

We rejoice in the great work it does, in the good cheer it brings to the church-building pastor and people, in the practical form of its earnest Christianity.

That our people love and approve the purpose, design, and work of the Board of Church Extension is shown from the large amount they have committed to its trust and administration. The combined working capital of its various funds has reached the enormous sum of \$8,379,793.

Of this amount we find our Conference has contributed \$75,783, and in return has received as aid for forty-nine churches the amount of \$39,795.

Notwithstanding the great work the society has done, the calls made upon its treasury are unceasing, were never more urgent nor numerous than now.

Our enlarging territory and the declared purpose of the Board to follow the flag and the Federal Constitution, makes a hearty, constant, liberal financial support a serious responsibility. As an expression of the good feeling this Conference cherishes for this benevolence, we submit for your adoption in its behalf,—

1. The Cincinnati Conference pledges an earnest effort to raise a special collection in every Church.
2. We pledge a large circulation of the Board's free literature, such as maps for the Sunday-school and Epworth League rooms and other useful helps, furnished for the asking, especially its magazine, whose subscription price is so low as to make its introduction into every home a possibility, and its information a necessity.
3. We approve the policy of the Board in rigidly protecting the annuities and loans, and we do most earnestly appeal to all our Churches which may have long or overdue loans, to return the same as by agreement when made, that said loans may enable the Loan Fund to accomplish the work for which it was instituted, and the Board be saved the painful duty of using extreme measures in recovering the fund, which is a sacred trust.
4. We promise the Board a determined effort to raise the apportionment asked of our Conference.

A. T. COWGILL, *President*.

S. G. POLLARD, *Secretary*.

CHURCH AND PARSONAGE INSURANCE.

DURING the year ending January 1, 1905, our Insurance Company continued to extend its usefulness in a gratifying manner. There have occurred 170 losses, bringing the total number since the business began to 745, and the total damage for which our members have been reimbursed to \$150,916.69. The Secretary informs us that not a single dollar of losses has ever been due and unpaid. During 1904 the amount of new business and renewals of policies expiring aggregated \$7,945,482, being a net increase, after deducting all canceled and unrenewed policies, of \$2,635,467, making the total amount of policies in force \$23,913,926, in which every State and Territory in the Union is represented.

At the last annual meeting the usual 10 per cent dividend was declared for the year just closed, leaving a conservative surplus in the treasury

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to provide for emergencies. It should be remembered that, in spite of the fact that our company is free from the serious conflagration hazard that constantly menaces those doing a general business, our members are protected by the same reserve as is required by law of the stock companies. The Annual Report which has been submitted to your Committee indicates that this reserve is invested in high-class bonds and mortgages that could be realized upon promptly in case of need.

The financial condition of the corporation concisely stated is as follows:

RESOURCES.—Net cash assets, \$65,646.31; premium notes not due, \$227,266.15; total, not including furniture and fixtures and other accounts not recognized by the Insurance Department, \$292,912.46.

LIABILITIES.—Losses due and unpaid, none; losses in process of settlement, including all reported losses, \$8,604.34; sundry accounts payable, \$3,839.97. Total indebtedness, \$12,444.31. Reserve, \$34,718.91, leaving a surplus of, cash, \$18,483.09, and notes not due, \$227,266.15. Total surplus, \$245,749.24.

We urge all members of this Conference to help their official brethren to remember that the National Mutual Church Insurance Company is an official organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is under the supervision of the General Conference, and as such is entitled to the co-operation of all of our Church societies; not only because of the saving effected under its terms and the convenience of meeting its annual payments, but also—and this we wish to particularly emphasize—because it is the only insurance organization that stands between thousands of our churches and serious disaster. Let us help in this work of protecting Methodism, for it is only by reason of the co-operation of those more fortunately situated financially that safe business can be done and help extended to those dependent upon our company.

For further information write to the secretary, HENRY P. MAGILL, No. 184 LaSalle Street, Chicago, Ill.

J. W. PETERS, *Secretary*.

GEORGE H. DART, *Chairman*.
F. G. MITCHELL.

CONFERENCE DEACONESS BOARD.

THE Board has licensed six deaconesses: Blanche M. Fuller, Edythe L. Nevitt, Francis Saunders, Mary V. Cameron, Harriet Malott, Nellie I. Young.

The Board has made the following transfers during the year: Miss Ida Hoer to the Alabama Conference; Miss Lina Terrell to the Ohio Conference; and has received by transfer Miss Clara V. Potter from the Ohio Conference; Miss Pluma C. Scott from the Rock River Conference.

The Board recommends for continuance in office the following forty-two deaconesses: Miss Effie Austen, Miss Lucy Banting, Miss Anna Bassett, Miss Felicia Black, Miss Willa Cassell, Miss Cara Close, Miss Mary V. Cameron, Miss Addie Day, Miss Florence Deaver, Miss Anna Dwinnell, Miss Emma Enders, Miss Mary Eyre, Miss Blanche M. Fuller, Miss Edith Golay, Miss Dora Haines, Miss Anna Hare, Miss Nettie Hathorn, Mrs. Kate Rawles Haynes, Miss Lucelia House, Miss Sarah Ireland, Miss Vanluah Jacques, Miss Lela Lybarger, Miss Mary McEwen, Miss Harriet Malott, Miss Olive Marshall, Mrs. S. M. Martin, Miss Edythe L. Nevitt, Mrs. India Paff, Miss Mary Pickett, Miss H. M. Pierce, Miss Clara V. Potter, Miss Frances Saunders, Miss Lottie Sinnett, Miss Ella Slear, Miss Bessie Smith, Miss Clara Solomon, Miss Alice Thatcher, Miss Carrie Thompson, Miss Sadie Williams, Miss Margaret Wilson, Miss Lula White, Miss Nellie I. Young.

There have been no changes in the charter or deeds of property of the

deaconess institutions under our care. The insurance upon the building and furniture of the Christ Hospital has been increased until it is now \$100,000, in addition to which \$4,000 insurance is maintained upon the furniture in the Deaconess Home on Wesley Avenue.

The following report has been received from the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association:

"This Association comprises, under one Board of Trustees, a Deaconess Home, a Deaconess Training-school, and the Christ Hospital. There are sixteen deaconesses under the direction of the superintendent of the Home, Mrs. Kate Rawles Haynes. Five of these are pastoral helpers, at Trinity (Lima), Bellefontaine, Greenfield, Freeman Avenue, Cincinnati, and Trinity, Cincinnati. One is in attendance at the Central Depot as 'Traveler's Aid.' It is the desire of the Association to assign several others to this important work in the near future. Two are in the kindergarten work of the Association; two are instructors in the Training-school; two are on sick leave; two absent on leave of absence on account of duties in their families; two are in management of the Home, and of these one is the business manager of *Labors of Love*, the monthly publication of the Association. This paper is edited as a labor of love by a deaconess, Miss Lucretia A. Gaddis.

"During the year death has invaded the deaconess ranks, taking one of our most valuable and trusty workers. After an illness of almost a year, on May 15th, Emma Huston passed out from us, in answer to the summons, 'Come up higher.' Her connection with the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home dates back to 1891. She was one of the pioneers in deaconess work in this country. For six years preceding her illness she had served as 'travelers' aid' at the Union Central Railway Station in this city. Discreet in her actions, wise in her judgment, pleasing in her manner, she was well fitted for this position, and the traveling public came to recognize in her a true benefactor.

"The Training-school, of which Mrs. Katharine Clark Mul'ikin is the president, and Miss Margaret Wilson, a classical graduate, is the principal, is the field of activity of other of our deaconesses as teachers. The school has had an enrollment of sixteen at the beginning of the year; after three months' trial three of the students were discontinued on account of physical disability. The school has done most excellent work. The prospect for the coming year is most flattering, as the matriculation of students is sufficient to occupy all the rooms. But if others wish to enter, rooms will be provided. It is worthy of special note, that the advantages of the Training-school, including room, board, and laundry in the Home, are furnished deaconess students for three dollars per week, and those who are not able to pay, by corresponding with the superintendent, can be provided for regardless of their inability.

"As to the great work being done at the Christ Hospital, the chief activity of this Association, it is difficult to tabulate it in so brief a report as this must necessarily be. We submit a few statistics, which are merely suggestive. There are over fifty nurses, who, during many months of the year, have again and again been called upon to minister to one hundred patients a day. There have been at one time twenty-five children in the children's ward. Two trained nurses have been kept in the field, who have devoted all their time, under the call of the Associated Charities, to persons needing a trained nurse and too straitened to pay. The result has been that they have had from fifteen to twenty children at a time in the hospital, whom they have found in homes of squalor where they could not be treated successfully.

"The maternity ward has been a haven of refuge to many a derelict young woman adrift on the ocean of life, fast being driven upon a lee shore. In the hospital they have been rallied about by a Christian sisterhood, which has reached out sympathetic hands to save, and the result

has been not only their safe recovery, but also their personal sa'vation. Some remarkable cases of this kind have been reported. But not only here, but throughout the hospital, the evangelistic spirit is kept alive, and the work of conversion often goes forward with the work of healing. More than fifty have been born into the kingdom among the patients, while in all its departments the Association reports over three hundred conversions during the year. There have been 1,098 patients treated in the hospital since the last report; over six hundred of these have been surgical cases. The expense of the Association aggregates during the year \$50,000, of which \$20,000 have been for persons unable to pay for the service given them. There have been in training nine deaconesses; nurses from other cities—one from Chicago, one from St. Louis, one from Lake Bluff, and six from Toronto.

"The patients of the hospital have come to it during the year from one hundred and fifty towns in Ohio, and from various towns in fourteen other different States, and from Asia, Africa, and Canada. The Association needs to have its endowment fund increased from \$52,000 to \$500,000, to enable it to do its free work unembarrassed. The friends of humanity and the Church—for the hospital stands for humanity, regardless of creed or sect—can help this work by sending fruit or vegetables, towels and sheets and blankets, by the payment of an annual membership fee of \$10, or by caring for a free bed for a child for a year by the payment of \$250, or by caring for an adult bed by the payment of \$300 a year; or can care for a free patient for a day by the payment of \$1, or of a child for a week by the payment of \$5. The Association asks especially to be remembered in the prayers of the people, and then it feels certain that it will be remembered in their wills. The importance of this will be the more apparent when it is remembered that, including patients, nurses, helpers, deaconesses, and students, the Association is responsible for the care of two hundred people daily, and that, to meet this expense, it is dependent upon those who sympathize with such a benevolent work.

"The demand for deaconesses to help pastors is greater than the supply. 'Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.'

"In consequence of the failure of the Annual Conference to elect three members of the Deaconess Board at its last meeting, it will be necessary this year to elect three members for two years, and three for three years. The term of office of the following members expires at this time: James N. Gamble, Cincinnati, Ohio; E. L. McLean, Greenfield, Ohio; Mrs. W. B. Shattuc, Madisonville, Ohio; and Rev. J. A. Story, Springfield, Ohio; Robert Johnson, Springfield, Ohio; Mrs. J. M. Wa'den, Cincinnati, Ohio.

"We are informed that the Annual Report of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association will be issued at the time of its annual meeting in October, and a copy will be forwarded to each member of the Annual Conference.

"The Board would recommend the reappointment of Rev. W. A. Robinson, D. D., as Corresponding Secretary of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association."

GERVAISE ROUGHTON, *President.*

EDUCATION.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

WE most heartily commend the excellent work for higher education which is being accomplished for the Church through the Board of Education. We especially approve the emphasis which is being laid upon Christian ideals. We would urge the observance of Children's Day and

that a collection be taken in every charge according to the Discipline. During the past year the Board of Education has assisted 1,957 young people to pursue their studies in our institutions of learning. More than 13,000 have been aided by this Board since its inception. This work can readily be seen to be very vital to the present and future welfare of the Church.

We commend the *Christian Student* to all our people as a very useful publication touching the questions of educational interests and methods.

We earnestly commend all our Christian institutions to our people of means. The Christian college was never more of a necessity than it is to-day. Its work is most essential, not alone to the Church, but to the very perpetuity of our Republic. There is no finer investment than that afforded by Christian schools.

We are pleased to note that the work of the Board has been helpful within the territory of our own Conference. During the past year twenty-six students residing in our own territory were assisted to the amount of \$1,818. Our contribution to the work of the Board amounted to \$1,101.61. We therefore received \$716.39 more than we gave. We urge every charge within our Conference to become a regular contributor to this fund.

THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS.

More and more our theological schools justify themselves before the Church and the world. Our preachers to-day, whatever may be said of other lines, are face to face with problems that demand the keenest intellectual and spiritual perception for their solution. As they go forth they face an educated laity that demands an intelligent leadership. The need is for a trained ministry able to cope with society's problems, and to direct the thought as well as the heart of the Church. The Church appreciates the service rendered by our schools of theology in the providing of a trained and adequately equipped ministry. Our Conference is on record. It not only needs men of the highest intellectual training and schooled in the best methods of work, but stands ready to welcome such men. We are coming to see that a call to preach means a call to preparation, and we have less faith than formerly in the plea that the man expecting only humble appointments should be admitted with inadequate preparation. There are no humble appointments in the Methodist ministry. Every pulpit presents a boundless opportunity, and every charge, however weak, has a right to demand one who can both preach and teach. The purpose of our theological schools is to furnish the Church with this type of man, and to furnish him with such vision of the work of the kingdom as will lead him, not only to a perfect consecration, but to an honest, lifelong effort to increase that which he has consecrated.

We note with pleasure the broadening of the work at Boston, the new city and Sociological Department at Drew, and the Summer School of Theology at Garrett.

We congratulate Garrett upon fifty years of splendid service to the Church and the world, and rejoice with her in the fiftieth anniversary so soon to be celebrated.

THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

The Woman's College of Baltimore offers as adequate provision for the higher education of young women as any school in America. We would therefore commend all the interests of this school to our Churches, and would urge our pastors to be alert in guiding the young women of the Church, whose choice is for a Woman's College, to this institution.

The loss occasioned to this college through the Baltimore fire has greatly crippled the financial resources of the school, but has not inter-

ferred with the highest efficiency in the conduct of the school and the splendid work hitherto accomplished. This school deserves our largest commendation and most liberal support.

HILLSBORO COLLEGE.

The Conference Board of Trustees leased Hillsboro College to the Hillsboro Public School District. This action has occasioned litigation. As a result, the property has not, as yet, come into the possession of the School Board of Hillsboro. This city now faces the necessity of a new building for school purposes, and this fact makes it imperative that some definite and speedy action be taken on this problem. We would therefore recommend, as men worthy to represent the interests of the Church in this matter, the following persons for election as Trustees for Hillsboro College for the ensuing year: John A. McCoppin, O. N. Sams, W. C. Duckwall, James F. Brown, C. H. Haynes, J. W. Watts, W. N. Bean, and Jos. H. Head, said Trustees to have the power to fill all vacancies that may occur.

We would also recommend the appointment of a Commission to co-operate with said Trustees and to be composed as follows: The Presiding Elder of the Hillsboro District, Rev. M. P. Zink, Rev. V. F. Brown, Rev. W. A. Deaton, and George B. Gardiner.

THE OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

In 1844 the Ohio Wesleyan University was formally opened as a college, with 29 students in attendance. In 1904, sixty years later, 1,472 students thronged the halls of this university. Nearly 30,000 students have attended the university since its organization, and nearly 5,000 have completed established courses of study and received degrees. The godly influence of the school has greatly blessed the Church and the world. The annual report made to the Trustees on the 19th of last June by Dr. William F. Whitlock, then acting president, presents many facts that should cause thanksgiving and hope. The inauguration, at the recent Commencement, of Dr. Herbert Welch as president of the university is not our least ground for continued faith in and hope for this cherished institution. His inaugural address shows him to properly appreciate the need for and opportunities of a Christian college. We welcome him to the presidency of the university and to the membership of the Cincinnati Conference, and hereby pledge him our most cordial support in his every effort for the advancement of the cause of education in our Church and State.

We rejoice in the fact that the policy of the institution is to secure the culture of the whole man to the neglect of no sacred interest nor inherent right of the human soul. There is no fear of the truth in the Ohio Wesleyan University, nor is there any attempt to cheaply broaden the education offered at the expense of a thorough training of all the powers of the individual soul for actual service both in and for the world.

We are glad for material advancement, such as the new gymnasium, now in process of construction; the addition of nearly 4,000 volumes to the library; the founding of a new professorship, and many other evidences of material growth and equipment. All these admit of expression in terms educational and spiritual.

The rank the graduates of the university are taking in post-graduate work in other universities, the continued success of the university in inter-collegiate debates and oratorical contests, the fact that again the university is honored by the successful competing of one of her graduates for the Cecil Rhodes scholarship, combined with other achievements and honors won by students and graduates, are evidence to the thorough intellectual training afforded the young people of the Church, and clearly show that the school is worthy of our support. Our laymen desirous of affording

their children the best intellectual advantages can make no mistake in sending them to the Ohio Wesleyan.

The report of Dr. Whitlock calls attention to the fact that, though the university has, in grounds and endowment, \$1,792,806, the actual endowment working for the institution and contributing to the current expenses is only \$225,000. This is accounted for by the fact that nearly one-half the assets of the university is represented by the value of the grounds and equipments, and that \$538,116 of the endowment fund is, as yet, compelled to pay an annuity to the donors, and thus affords no income to the university. This condition of affairs gives the university a very slender income outside of tuition fees for the current expenses of the school. So slender, indeed, is this income that the strictest economy consistent with the proper conduct of the school has not been able, and will not, for awhile at least, be able to save the university from an annual deficit in the current expense fund. We therefore recommend that this year's collection for public education be devoted to the current expense fund of the university.

We further recommend that, in view of the deficiency now existing and which promises to increase, that we systematically set ourselves to the assisting of the university in this embarrassment by setting apart Sunday, November 26th, as Ohio Wesleyan Day, on which day, in so far as is possible, we will present the cause of the university to our people, and take up a collection known as the Collection for Public Education for this specific purpose of assisting the university to meet current obligations.

We recommend the election of Mr. Richard Dymond to succeed himself as Trustee of the Ohio Wesleyan University.

APPOINTMENTS.

We nominate Visitors to our educational institutions as follows:

Ohio Wesleyan University: J. B. Young, W. H. Wehrly; alternate, D. G. Latshaw.

Drew Theological Seminary: J. G. Vaughan, A. B. Austin; alternate, W. E. Hammaker.

Boston Theological Seminary: A. W. Leonard, H. D. Ketcham; alternate, S. A. Stephan.

Garrett Biblical Institute: G. W. Dubois, J. E. Abrams; alternate, Guy P. Benton.

We would recommend the following persons for election as officers and members of the Conference Educational Society: President, Guy P. Benton; Vice-President, J. A. Story; Secretary, C. L. Conger; Treasurer, James M. DeCamp; Additional members, W. R. Warnock, Theodore F. Spear, James N. Gamble, Robert W. Burns.

C. E. SCHENK, *Secretary*.

W. H. WEHRLY, *President*

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

WITH pleasure we record the continued prosperity and usefulness of the Epworth League. We especially rejoice that the mission of the League is to "lift up" to God the hosts of young people, and that its leavening, unifying, and conservative power in the Church is so helpful. We therefore recommend the following:

1. That the pledge be used in all Leagues, committing out young people to seek, and to help others attain, the highest New Testament standard of experience and life. Also as a safeguard against undisciplined amusements.

2. We enjoin all Leaguers to emphasize, both by practice and precept, the importance of deep spirituality, non-conformity to the world, and earnest effort for the coming of the kingdom.

3. We deplore any and all tendency toward independence of interests, apart from the Church proper. Their interests are one, and demand that the former be auxiliary to the latter.

4. We recommend the Missionary Study Course as most fruitful of wholesome knowledge, conviction, and activity in the interest of missions.

5. We commend the Mercy and Help Department as an agency of Samaritan-like blessings to God's own, and an avenue of true Christian charity.

6. We would particularly urge the maintenance of the Junior Epworth League as the best forerunner of the Senior League, and as a just obligation we owe to the children.

7. We praise the *Epworth Herald* as the best paper available for young people, and urge its widest possible circulation.

H. E. ARMACOST, *Secretary*.

W. M. COFFMAN, *Chairman*.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

THE work of this Society is great and of vast importance. For thirty-nine years it has been moving steadily forward, and there has been a remarkable advance along all lines.

In all the schools some form of instruction in industrial and manual training is given. Last year there were 3,520 students given instruction in twenty-six industries. Many of these students have not only engaged in some line of industrial work after graduation, but are themselves teachers in industrial schools.

An important phase of the work is that of preparing Christian teachers for the South. Twelve thousand colored teachers and a great number of whites, mainly from the mountain regions of the South, have been prepared by this society as Christian teachers.

Of the more than five hundred teachers in these schools, three hundred are graduates from our own institutions, and thousands are teaching in the public schools and other institutions under Christian auspices.

It is important that we call attention to the observance of our Lincoln Birthday, Sunday. The day is more widely observed than ever before, and we trust the time is not far distant when every Church throughout the entire connection will observe the day.

Both among the white and colored people self-help has been insisted upon from the very beginning. The results already achieved are far beyond expectation. Total received from students last year was \$149,581.95.

South Carolina Conference, composed entirely of Negro ministers, reported in cash for this society last year \$3,547, making it fifth in the number of Conferences as to the amount contributed in the entire connection.

Our schools are centers of religious power. There were eight hundred conversions reported last year.

Fresh interesting tracts and leaflets have been issued, and will be furnished free of charge to pastors applying for them.

The *Christian Educator* will be sent free for one year to every one giving one dollar or more.

The apportionment to the Cincinnati Conference for this society is \$6,000. We earnestly insist that every member of the Conference do his utmost to help make up the apportionment.

D. S. EWRY, *Secretary*.

J. F. DALBY, *Chairman*.

LAKESIDE.

YOUR Committee appointed to consider the interests of Lakeside Camp-meeting Association respectfully report: The Trustees state to the patronizing Conferences that "the spirit of harmony and good will which prevailed this year was apparent to all who attended, and this, added to the financial success achieved, is great cause for rejoicing and thankfulness.

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Epworthians are cordial in their co-operation, having furnished the family with canned fruit from the start, and are sending vegetables now. Let this continue with years.

Financial statement of the Methodist Home for the Aged Corporation to June 1, 1905, at the close of the sixth fiscal year:

BALANCE SHEET.

Resources.

Home Building (Expended on).....	\$27,580 10
Home Grounds.....	20,000 00
Home Equipment.....	1,889 40
Investments—Real Estate.....	14,200 00
Investments—Bills Receivable.....	49,134 50
Investments—Securities.....	12,200 00
Bills Receivable—Notes.....	59,025 00
Accounts Receivable.....	680 39
Cash on hand.....	10,440 98
Deficit in Budget Account for six years.....	5,753 31

Total \$200,903 68

Liabilities.

Home Building Fund (Trust).....	\$126,970 70
Home Fund—Land only (Trust).....	20,000 00
Endowment Fund (Trust).....	31,100 00
Annuity Fund (Trust).....	10,800 00
Admission Fund (Trust).....	10,232 98
Bills Payable.....	1,200 00
Accounts Payable.....	600 00

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Statement relative to Home Building Fund and the Building now in process of erection:

Original gifts invested in property at Yellow Springs.....	\$5,500 00
Gifts and subscriptions paid.....	62,445 70
Subscription Notes.....	59,025 00

Total \$126,970 70

Accounted for as follows:

Expended on Building.....	\$27,580 10
Subscription notes not collected.....	59,025 00
Investments—Call Loan.....	21,000 00
Investments—Securities.....	10,000 00
Cash in Bank.....	9,365 60

Total \$126,970 70

BUDGET ACCOUNT FOR 1904-1905.

General Funds—Receipts from all sources.....	\$12,476 13
Disbursements, including annuities paid.....	11,381 85

Surplus for the year..... \$1,094 28

Respectfully submitted.

A. H. NORCROSS, *Treasurer.*

H. C. WEAKLEY, *President.*

A. J. LYON, *Secretary.*

MISSIONS.

WE rejoice in the revival of the missionary spirit in our Church, which is making possible the advance of the army of the Lord in the conquest of the world. There is a more widespread and better developed interest in missions than ever before. More of our people have the cause upon their hearts. Many who formerly had little knowledge of the work and less concern for its success, now possess an intelligent understanding of the field, and are praying as never before, "Thy kingdom come." Ears that heretofore have been deaf to the Macedonian cry are straining to catch the faintest whisper for help, or the earliest shout of triumph. Hands that were useless are lending needed assistance. Voices formerly silent are heard in encouragement or pleading for the helpless.

The complete arousalment of the Church is not yet accomplished, but the awakening is going on, and we believe the time near when she will increase her activities, in sacrifice and service, for the world's redemption. Results are already seen. The quadrennium closing in 1904 saw placed in the treasury of the Missionary Society \$566,029 more than in the quadrennium just preceding, while in our own Conference the increase in collections of this year over last is \$3.945. We devoutly thank God and are encouraged.

This has not come by chance. It is the product of agencies under Divine guidance. One that has had much to do with it is that educational and inspirational scheme known as the "Open-Door Emergency Movement," by which the Missionary Society placed upon wheels has gone into many sections of our country, and, by conventions and exhibits, has attracted the eye, arrested attention, touched the heart, reached persons of all classes, and scattered information. We are glad to learn the movement will continue, and hail with delight the announcement of a coming National Convention.

Three hundred thousand copies of *World-Wide Missions* are sent to Methodist homes every month. We most heartily commend this excellent paper as helpful in disseminating information, creating interest, and arousing enthusiasm. It should be in every home in our Church. A missionary subscription of one dollar or more entitles a person to receive the paper for one year, provided that not more than one copy shall go to one family.

Our missionary literature is of the very best, and contains the information and inspiration needed. In the hands of our people it will be instrumental in planting seed-thoughts that can not fail to produce fruit.

Our Sunday-schools are great missionary centers. They not only contribute largely to support the cause, but they train the young to have knowledge of, and to believe in, the missionary work. We recommend that every school be organized into a Missionary Society according to the Discipline, and that one Sabbath in each month be observed as Sunday-school Missionary Day, thirty minutes of the session being given to a program of suitable songs, recitations, and addresses, and a collection for missions.

One missionary prayer-meeting each month in every charge, carefully and thoughtfully planned, prayerfully and enthusiastically conducted, we believe, would give an impetus to the cause that would be felt at home and abroad.

We heartily indorse the proposal to observe, in 1906, the jubilee of the founding of our first mission in India. Its history for this half-century is marvelous, and reads like a romance. The man still lives who baptized the first convert. But the small seed, planted in India's soil under difficulties, cared for and nourished through hardships and sacrifices, watered by God's grace, and smiled upon by the sunshine of His love, has grown to be a magnificent, towering, widespreading tree of eight Annual Conferences, while just outside its shade, upon soil over which

floats the Stars and Stripes, has appeared a shoot which is rapidly assuming goodly proportions.

We approve of the plan of Bishop Thoburn to raise a Jubilee Fund of \$250,000, to be used in broadening and strengthening the work, and pledge to him and his co laborers our hearty support and assistance.

We congratulate the Church upon the wise selection of our earnest, energetic, and enthusiastic Brother J. G. Vaughan as Field Agent of the Indian Jubilee Commission.

Not in India alone, but in other foreign fields, our missionaries are having marked success, while at home we are striving that all people, of whatever race or nationality within our borders, may be under the influence of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are no longer confined to circumscribed limits. There are no closed doors. The field is the world, and in the soil of every part of that field the seed of the Gospel may be planted. May God help the Cincinnati Conference to do her full share of the planting!

We are pleased to have with us at this session of our Conference Dr. J. C. Floyd, Field Agent of the Missionary Society. We have heard him with de'light and profit, and will welcome him to our pulpits in the interest of the cause he presents.

The dove of peace, universal peace, is hovering over the world. The disastrous conflict of two great nations of the Orient has come to an end. Within the borders of our land, from which go so many missionaries with the Gospel of Peace, came their representatives to seek the way. The wise counsel and kindly offices of our own Christian President had a large part in bringing about the desired result. These nations came to our land of Peace, under our flag which stands for Peace, to enter upon this great compact. But we know, and they are fast learning that there can be no lasting peace, only through the Prince of Peace. Therefore His conquest of the world must go on by us until all the nations of the earth shall come to bow before Him as King of kings.

J. R. HILL, *Secretary*.

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PARSONAGES.

THE laity of the Cincinnati Conference have generously invested \$551,000 in one hundred and twenty-five homes for use by their pastors. If these servants of the Master are to maintain the highest standard of usefulness, a comfortable, modernly equipped house is a necessity to them; and we believe that the Scripture injunction and example is that the people should thus provide for their ministers.

Your Committee, therefore, offers for your adoption:

1. That the pastors living in the parsonages of the Conference be held responsible for the attractiveness, neatness, and cleanliness of the property, and also that they use their best efforts to keep these homes in good repair.

2. That the Trustees of all such property take special interest in the same, securing the necessary funds to either rebuild, repair, or, where there is no parsonage, to provide one, as the Book of Discipline directs.

3. In all cases where the parsonage is to be refitted, the friends who make such provision shall study uniformity in their furnishings.

S. A. STEPHAN, *Secretary*.

C. L. MYERS, *Chairman*.

PERIODICALS AND BOOK CONCERN.

GREAT interests of our Church are committed to the editors of our periodicals and the Agents of our Book Concern. Our people do not fully appreciate their importance. We are pleased to note the general prosperity that has attended these interests.

The sales of the New York Concern for the past year have amounted to \$1,025,792, and those of the Western Concern to \$1,467,068, making a total of \$2,492,860. It is of first importance that thus the Church has been furnished with a supply of safe and valuable denominational literature. But it has also furnished as a dividend to the Annual Conferences \$65,000.

We would call attention to the improved appearance and attractiveness of the *Western Christian Advocate*, and commend the able editorial management of Rev. Levi Gilbert, D. D. We indorse his positive position on moral reforms and outspoken utterances upon matters of immediate interest in civic affairs.

In the *Epworth Herald* we have a periodical second to none of its class and of great value to our young people and in the home.

The unique field covered by the *Methodist Review* commends it to all our pastors and thoughtful laymen.

We congratulate the Church upon its large publishing interests, and pledge thereto our hearty support.

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PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

For Year 1904-1905.

RECEIPTS:

For Advertisements.....	\$366 13
Sale of Minutes.....	229 87
Total	\$596 00

PAYMENTS:

For Conference Expenses.....	\$16 52
For Printing Minutes.....	500 64
Publishing Committee Expenses.....	11 04
Total	528 20
Profits	\$67 80
Still due	20 55
Prospective Profits for Publishing Fund.....	\$83 35

PUBLIC MORALS.

In making our annual survey of the ethical standards and conduct in vogue in our time, we are neither cynics nor pessimists. We recognize the fact that most of the evils which confront us are old, while the intelligence which discerns and the spirit which seeks to remedy them are new. Old evils, however, now and then are stirred into fresh activity, and new forms of transgression and new public perils at times arise. Against the evils and dangers, therefore, which are peculiar to our time we are moved once more to deliver our testimony.

I. The immigration problem is one of these. Although we are a composite nation, and owe a great debt to the foreign elements which have been inwrought into our body politic, yet we are appalled at the amount of paupery, vice, crime, ignorance, and superstition which immigrants, coming from strange lands at the rate of a million a year, are bringing to our shores. We must not neglect these many-tongued foreigners, nor allow our city slums, our mining and manufacturing com-

munities to be given over, by our neglect, to the perils which these immigrants plant among us. Let us encourage in every possible way the raising of money and the planting of missions for the evangelization of these alien and threatening elements of our national life.

2. Municipal misgovernment is another frightful evil. It would seem that those who know most of the political life of our cities are least hopeful of civic regeneration. The corruption and graft which recent investigations in Philadelphia, Chicago, and St. Louis have uncovered, are in smaller measure prevalent in scores of our cities. Great franchises pertaining to public utilities are thrown away; votes and voters are bought and sold by the thousand; and the people's money is wasted in countless millions. We urge ministers to master the new publications devoted to municipal reform; to study the problem of our cities; to preach frequently on city evangelization, and to ally themselves with the various regenerating agencies which are seeking to renew the moral life of our cities. In this connection we rejoice that men like Mayor Weaver, of Philadelphia; Governor Folk, of Missouri; and District Attorney Jerome, of New York, are exhibiting courage, skill, conscience, and statesmanship in battling with boodlism. May their examples be manifold!

3. Political bossism, as differentiated from wise and zealous political leadership, is an evil which has become intolerable. Are we willing, as citizens of Ohio, for example, that any one man shall be a dictator in either of the parties, bossing without question political conventions, choosing candidates for the leading offices, and in many ways defying, ignoring and trampling under foot the protests, opinions, and demands of a vast patriotic citizenship?

4. Other evils confront us,—the Divorce Evil, the desecration of the Sabbath, increasing numbers of crimes against human life, the gambling mania, the demoralizations wrought by coarse and vicious theatrical displays,—which are undermining morals, destroying character, and hindering all forms of Christian work. Against them we pledge our earnest efforts, by voice and pen and prayer, to the end that the work of the Gospel may be speedily pressed to its final victories.

5. We commend the action of the Governor of Ohio in vetoing the Chisholm Bill which made pool-selling on race tracks legal in the Commonwealth. We make record of this commendation all the more gladly in view of the fact that we have found occasion in other matters to condemn his official course.

6. Finally, we rejoice in the current triumphs wrought by industrial and international arbitration, and in the victories wrought by Peace. We specially record our admiration and affection for Theodore Roosevelt, our President, in view particularly of the courage, the wisdom, the foresight, the humaneness, and the large statesmanship which have been chief factors in consummating peace between Russia and Japan. He is to-day, in a greater sense than was Julius Cæsar, "the foremost man in all this world." We are grateful for the providential events which have given him world-wide prestige, and at the same time made our Nation one of the great world Powers. We pray that God may bless the Nation under his guidance. God bless and keep Theodore Roosevelt!

A. K. STABLER, *Secretary*. JESSE BOWMAN YOUNG, *Chairman*.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, The presidency of Bishop Cranston has made the session more like the enjoyment of a holiday festival than the privations incident to parliamentary routine, and the business to roll on so smoothly that its wheels have bowled, as it were, on ball-bearing axles, rubber tires,

and a pave of asphalt,—no rattling rails, no hot boxes, no screeching whistle; and

WHEREAS, Several times the docket was cleared, leaving time to burn while waiting on Committees, so that fiery orators had to be called upon to light the flames of eloquence; therefore,

Resolved, That we thank Bishop Earl Cranston for the celerity, gentleness, and grace with which he has conducted the routine of minute business, and for the strong and strengthening words with which he has re-enforced our intellects and fortified our purposes.

Resolved, That we lavish our grateful appreciation on our imperial Secretary, S. O. Royal, in name and nature as to win, by the divine right of kings of the pencil and Calligraph, the sobriquet of the Mikado of Conference scribes, and in the hour of his triumph we greet him with our Banzai!

Resolved, That our thanks are due to C. W. Horn, our Treasurer, and are hereby rendered him for his tireless fidelity in tabulating our finances.

Resolved, That we tender our Statistical Secretary, George H. Hammell, merited praise for the facility and accuracy with which he has marshaled figures, and assure him of our confidence in him as a mathematician, a man, and a minister, without a loose joint in his harness in which an ambuscaded foe can plant a poisoned arrow.

Resolved, That all who have diligently and expertly assisted in the record of our minutes and statistics are deserving of our exhaustive commendation.

Resolved, That the swiftness of business dispatch under the Chairmanship of Bishop Cranston is only moderated by the shortening of our stay in Springfield, and, therefore, of the curtailing of the exquisite enjoyment of the hospitalities of its bountiful and beautiful homes, and we tender our generous hosts and their queenly wives our hearty thanks for the good cheer of groaning boards and the soft repose afforded by downy beds, and the sweet amenities of social life, and a welcome which for warmth is only equaled by the bright and balmy weather which has distinguished most of our stay, the two consorting to make our session beatific in the memory as it has been blessed in the pleasure of the sunny days as they have flitted by on silken wings.

Resolved, That we greatly appreciate the loyalty of Dr. A. B. Leonard to his home Conference, and assure him that his presence affords one of the greatest pleasures of our annual reunion, and we hope that he will always be able to so arrange the vast work the General Conference has committed to his charge as to be with us at each recurring Conference.

Resolved, That we part with sincere regret with Rev. C. W. Blodgett, D. D., whose five years' pastorate at St. Paul has been marked with signal success, and commend him to the fellowship of his new relation as one who will give wisdom and zest to his work and cheer to, and co-operation with, his brethren in social life and Church enterprise. We would be pleased to welcome Dr. Blodgett back if Providence should open the door for his return.

Resolved, That the untiring attention of Dr. J. A. Story, with associate pastors, as the ministerial host of the Conference, deserves and is hereby accorded the thanks of his guests.

HOWARD A. M. HENDERSON, *Secretary*.

E. W. SERL, *Chairman*.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

THE Sabbath was made for man. The wisdom and authority instituting the Sabbath are divine. The command and obligation to observe the Sabbath is co-extensive with universal humanity. Sabbath observance

is essential to individual and national prosperity, and can not be disregarded with impunity. Obedience and blessing, disobedience and a curse are ever related and inseparable. We commend the Fourth Commandment, as well as the other nine, to the careful and conscientious consideration of all sane people. Who sins against God sins also against himself and humanity. The Church is the light-bearer for mankind, and the salt of the earth only when she remembers the Sabbath-day to keep it holy. Let this be our watchword amidst prevailing desecrations. To this end be it

Resolved, 1. That we will diligently use the abundant literature on the subject of Sabbath observance, now easily obtainable from such organizations as the American Sabbath Union, the New England Sabbath Protective League, the International Bureau of Reforms, the Woman's National Sabbath Alliance, the Sabbath Department of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the International Rest Day Federation (Rev. Alexander Jackson, Secretary, Cleveland, Ohio), and the publications of the religious press. By the use of such publications we may secure an awakening and a deeper conviction in regard to the authority and usefulness of Sabbath observance in the public mind.

2. That the appeals which are being made by employees in nearly every department of labor for assistance in their efforts to secure release from the slavery of work imposed upon them to be done on the Sabbath day deserve an answer in the best help and co-operation we can give them to secure release from secular labor on the day of weekly rest, and that we call the attention of those who have charge of public institutions to the importance and duty of reducing to the minimum the necessary Sunday labors of those who are under them.

3. That we protest against Sunday excursions and Sunday traffic, and urge that all secular business and secular exhibitions be closed upon the Sabbath day, to the end that the people may enjoy the benefit of needed quiet and rest and the privileges of worship.

4. That we heartily approve of the organization of a Federation of the Sunday Rest Societies of the world, formed at the Sunday Rest Day Congress held at St. Louis last October, at which this body was represented. The Rev. Dr. Alexander Jackson is the Secretary of this Federation, with headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio, where he may be addressed on the interests of Sabbath observance.

5. That we recommend that each pastor during the year will preach at least one sermon in favor of Sabbath observance.

Respectfully submitted.

D. J. STARR, *Secretary.*

S. B. SMITH, *Chairman.*

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

If our Church is to continue to prosper and to increase in efficiency, her Sunday-schools must receive special care. The children belong to God, and must be trained for Him in the Sunday-school. The young people must be reached and instructed, and the older ones should be stirred to a more earnest study of the Word of God. Sunday-school evangelism is essential. If we are to have a stronger Church to-morrow, we must get the boys and girls of to-day, from home and street, into the Sunday-school. We note with pleasure that the Conference Report for 1904 shows an increase of nearly one thousand members in our Sunday-schools; but what are they among so many? There should be, there must be a greater advance. This is possible; therefore we recommend:

1. That the income of the Sunday-school Union should be largely increased, so that this department of our great Church, now doing such splendid work under the able leadership of Dr. J. T. McFarland, may accomplish yet greater results in the home and foreign fields.

2. That the apportionment to the Churches for this cause be not less than one-twentieth of the amount asked for Missions.

3. That every school carefully plan for and observe Rally Day, asking for a special offering by classes for this work.

4. That we urge that every Methodist school use our excellent Sunday-school publications—than which there are none better—and use nothing else. We urge also the careful working of the Home Department, thus stimulating Bible study in the home.

5. That we heartily commend Dr. McFarland's plans for a more thorough training of the teachers of our Sunday-schools. We therefore urge our pastors to secure, if possible, for them "The Teachers' Library," recommended by him. We rejoice in the announcement that arrangements have been made for an Advanced Course of Bible Study, in which the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Church of Canada are to join with us.

6. That the Rev. J. D. Darling be appointed Sunday-school Secretary of this Conference, to co-operate with the Secretary of the Sunday-school Union in all matters pertaining to our Sunday schools.

WM. C. MITCHELL, *Secretary*.

D. C. WASHBURN, *Chairman*.

TRACT SOCIETY.

1. WE recognize in the Tract Society one of the important agencies of our Church for the promotion of its spiritual life. It aids in the circulation of religious literature in many languages. The Society gave away some 15,000,000 pages last year. This Society needs the sum of \$55,000 per annum, in order to carry on its great work through the entire world.

2. We, your Committee, would recommend to the pastors that they avail themselves of the offer of the Tract Society, which provides that each pastor who will make application can receive from the Society an amount of tracts equal in price to one-half of the last collection of his charge to the Tract Society.

We urge our pastors to make a liberal use of tracts in their work of every-day evangelism.

J. G. BLACK, *Chairman*.

WM. B. BROWN, *Secretary*.

TEMPERANCE.

EVERY year our Temperance Committee pronounces against the curse of strong drink, and urges the people to a forward movement in the crusade for its extinction. Our Church is squarely, decisively, irrevocably committed to total abstinence for the individual and the legal annihilation of the saloon. From the days of John Wesley, in the Discipline, in our standard Church literature, everywhere, we have sounded the trumpets, as with one continuous blast, for the destruction of the whole accursed system of the traffic in intoxicating drinks. Beginning with John Wesley, in his characterization, "The price of blood," we have reached the culmination, "It can never be legalized without sin." True to our common Methodism, in her historical, traditional, organic, fundamental attitude to this "sum of all villainies," the American saloon, we offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That our first duty to the Church and the State is the solution of the drink problem by the legal overthrow of the saloon at the ballot-box.

2. *Resolved*, That in harmony with our Discipline, "*We are in sympathy with and bid a hearty Godspeed to all organizations of every name*"

and nature that seek to promote the cause of total abstinence and accomplish the overthrow of the liquor-traffic," we will co-operate with all these associations for the speedy outlawry of the saloon by Constitutional Prohibition.

3. *Resolved*, That we will proclaim from our pulpits the duty of Civic Righteousness as commended by the General Conference: "*Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church can not consistently contribute by voice, vote, or influence, to the perpetuation and protection of the liquor-traffic.*"

4. We are in hearty accord with the action of our last General Conference in organizing a Church Temperance Society, and we recommend that the Cincinnati Conference Temperance Society be made auxiliary to the Temperance Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. As far as practicable, we will co-operate with that society in a special effort to have our congregations and Sunday-schools observe the 4th of July of each year as a day consecrated to the promotion of temperance reform.

5. We rejoice at the continued success of the temperance people in the local option elections during the past year. Four-fifths of the elections held within the bounds of our Conference during the past twelve months have resulted in driving out the saloon, and through local officials the laws are being enforced with increasing stringency.

6. We note with joy the activity of all temperance organizations which have as their aim the overthrow of the liquor-traffic, and regard such activity as the index of the rising tide of public sentiment. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union was never more efficient than at the present time. We recognize the Ohio Anti saloon League as a powerful agency in the work of temperance reform. Its work during the past twelve years entitles it to a high place in our esteem and confidence. Its aim is the destruction of the liquor-traffic. Its methods are wise and honorable, and have drawn into close and friendly relation the many enemies of the drinking saloon. Its watchwords, "Agitate, educate, organize," are well chosen and inspiring. Its ideals of government and of public office are high and pure. Its great conventions have stirred thousands to action. Its printed organ, *The American Issue*, is a paper of which any organization might be proud, and its editorial management gives constant evidence of rare skill and a fearlessness that challenges our admiration. The personnel of the League is a body of men of integrity and courage, and we most heartily commend the League to our own Church people and all others interested in the welfare of our State.

7. Conceding that it is not the province of the Church to give affirmative direction to or assume to control the franchise of the citizen, it by no means follows that the Church must be silent concerning great wrongs because they have intrenched themselves in law, or have become potent in influencing and controlling political action. One of the greatest dangers to our country's welfare is the tremendous power which the organized liquor-traffic wields in political affairs, a power so great and so promptly applied that, with rare exceptions, candidates for public office dare not speak their honest sentiments concerning that traffic, while office-holders ambitious to secure re-election realize that the faithful performance of their duty in the enforcement of law against the saloon will be fatal to their hopes for promotion. When the Christian citizen is as prompt with his political rewards and punishments as is the supporter of the saloon, the cause of civic righteousness will have made a noble advance. Quoting and reaffirming the action of the General Conference of 1892, we record our deliberate judgment that no political party has a right to expect, nor ought it to receive, the support of Christian men so long as it stands committed to the license policy or refuses to put itself in an attitude of open hostility to the saloon. But the foregoing must not be considered as in the interest of any political party.

8. One year ago this Conference said: "We also express our regret that the Governor of Ohio allied himself with the liquor interests in his persistent efforts, by his threatened use of his veto prerogative, to compel the Legislature to modify its action in the interest of the saloon against the expressed wish of the people through their representatives." We earnestly protested against the renomination of the present governor. Similar action was taken by the Synod Conferences, Conventions, both State and district, of all the great Protestant denominations of Ohio. The political bosses paid no attention to this voice of the Christian organizations, but deliberately renominated for governor the man against whom we protested. We do, therefore, now express our indignation at this utter disregard of the wishes of the Christian manhood of Ohio, and in view of said action we reiterate our convictions in the case, and propose to register those convictions at the polls.

9. We wish to record our disapproval of the course of that part of the partisan press which is closing its columns to temperance news, and refuses to give the temperance people an opportunity to deny the false and misleading interviews and contributions that it has given wide publicity.

10. We nominate as delegates to the National Convention of the Anti-saloon League, to be held in Indianapolis in November, W. H. Wehrly and W. A. Wiant.

FRANK C. ENGLISH, *President*.

OWEN M. SELLERS, *Secretary*.

VI.

Miscellany.

GLENN INDUSTRIAL HOME.

THE Woman's Home Missionary Society has just completed fourteen years of city missionary work at the Glenn Home. Auxiliary to the Home are the Glenn Home Mission at Front and Fifth Streets, and the Cottage at rear of the distillery, Riverside.

Seven workers have been employed during the past year, three missionaries, three kindergartners, and one deaconess.

The Boarding Department, where young women find a Christian home at three dollars a week, has had every bed and cot filled throughout the year. Daily we receive testimonies of the influence the Home is exerting upon the hearts and lives of our girls.

Three kindergartens are sustained. The names of one hundred and twenty-one children appear upon the record. Average attendance has been good.

The Glenn Home Mission Sunday-school has an enrollment of one hundred and fifty, and the Riverside Sunday-school one hundred.

Besides the Sunday-school and Kindergarten at the Riverside Cottage, we also have a sewing class of fifty children, meeting Saturday morning, a prayer-meeting on Thursday evenings in charge of Rev. J. D. Darling, and an occasional concert. The sewing class, which meets Saturday mornings at the Mission, numbers eighty.

We hold weekly two Auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Missionary Society with 53 members, a Band of Home Guards numbering 42 members, and a Mothers' Jewels Band of 250 members. One hundred copies of *Children's Home Missions* are distributed monthly by the kindness of Mrs. O. J. Wilson. The children read them eagerly, and enter most heartily into the missionary work, some of them expressing a desire to be missionaries or deaconesses when "they get big."

The Boys' Brigade has been in charge of Miss Delia Herron.

Kitchengarten classes, Mothers' Meetings, Reading Circles, "The Glenn Home Cheerful Workers," have met regularly. The Savings Bank is teaching the children thrift and economy.

About four thousand visits have been made by the workers during the year, five thousand papers distributed, and two hundred and sixty-three Bibles presented to men and women after securing a promise that they will read them regularly.

The Treasurer reports total receipts \$5,672.85; expenditures \$5,295.55; cash on hand, August, 1905, \$377.30.

Supplies valued at \$1,185.40 have been received during this year.

The Glenn Home Board most cordially extends an invitation to the members of Cincinnati Conference to visit the Home, and most heartily thanks all who have helped in any way to carry on the good work.

Most respectfully.

MRS. I. D. JONES, *Chairman*.

PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Resources.

Real Estate.....	\$24,692 24
Bills Receivable.....	24,170 10
Cash on hand.	1,860 60
	<hr/> \$50,722 94

Liabilities.

Capital Account.....	\$47,651 38
Income Account.....	1,571 56
Annuity Account.....	1,000 00
Bequest	500 00
	<hr/> \$50,722 94

Receipts.

Cash on hand, September 1, 1904.....	\$1,170 92
Rents	737 03
Interest	1,052 45
Donations	57 00
Membership Fees.....	145 00
Loans paid.....	4,018 30
	<hr/> \$7,180 70

Expenditures.

Donations	\$1,080 00
Expenses	344 35
Loans on Notes.....	3,700 00
Interest—Annuity Gift.....	75 00
Interest Loan.....	30 75
Bills payable.....	90 00
Cash on hand.....	1,860 60
	<hr/> \$7,180 70

Analysis of Expense Account.

Taxes and Repairs.....	\$245 10
Bond of Treasurer.....	19 60
Certificate of Secretary of State.....	1 00
Book-keeper	30 00

Committee Work—

Meetings of Board.....	\$32 20
Bill paid Book Concern.....	6 10
Expenses of Treasurer.....	10 35
	<hr/> 48 65
	<hr/> \$344 35

Respectfully submitted.

S. O. ROYAL, *Treasurer.*

JOHN MEARS BEQUEST.

*To the Cincinnati Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church,**In session at Springfield, Ohio, September 5, 1905:*

Your Trustees of the John Mears Bequest respectfully report as follows:

Total investment.....	\$8,000 00
	1905

Cincinnati Annual Conference.

Dr.

To balance cash on hand, September 1, 1904.....	\$119 05
To interest collected on notes and bonds.....	455 65
Total	<u>\$574 70</u>

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By cash to Ohio Wesleyan University.....	\$75 00
By cash to Illinois Wesleyan University.....	75 00
By cash to A. D. Maddox for Cincinnati Conference Claimants....	150 00
By cash to Mrs. William V. Ebersole for Cincinnati Ladies' Home Missionary Society.....	150 00
By cash to Fifth National Bank of Cincinnati for box.....	4 00
By cash on hand, September 1, 1905.....	120 70
Total	<u>\$574 70</u>

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. BOYD, *Treasurer*,
 WILLIAM A. ROBINSON,
 JOHN PEARSON,
Trustees.

VII.

Historical.

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

DIRECTORS.

Term expires 1906.—F. G. Mitchell, S. O. Royal, A. B. Austin.

Term expires 1907.—D. J. Starr, C. H. Haines, C. L. Conger.

Term expires 1908.—W. H. Wehrly, Geo. Vorhis.

OFFICERS.

President.—F. G. Mitchell.

Treasurer.—C. H. Haines.

Vice-President.—C. L. Conger.

Custodian.—S. O. Royal.

Secretary.—W. H. Wehrly.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Members of the Conference who pay \$5 or more to the Society.

*Asbury Lowrey, D. D.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Those who pay \$3 or more to the Society, or make valuable and approved contributions to the Society.

Mrs. Asbury Lowrey.

Joseph Eichelberger.

*Lewis C. Smith.

Miss Vina Dickey.

Rev. C. W. Rishell.

Elijah M. Fitch.

Rev. T. F. Royal.

*John W. Dale.

Rev. Geo. W. Vorhis.

Lewis N. Gatch.

Mrs. M. H. Drees.

*Mrs. John Shinn.

W. T. Hill.

Rev. C. W. Taneyhill.

Rev. T. A. Goodwin, D. D.

Mrs. Katharine Clark Mullikin.

Mrs. Bishop Morris.

R. T. Miller.

*Rev. Wm. Runyan.

Rev. S. W. Edmiston.

*Peter B. Light.

John Boehm.

Agnes Duckwall.

Mrs. A. W. Musgrove.

Rev. Merrick E. Ketcham.

Mrs. John F. Wright.

J. A. Easton.

Mrs. R. K. Deem.

MEMBERS.

All members of the Conference are members of the Historical Society, and are entitled to a voice and vote in all meetings.

Received this year:

From Mrs. R. K. Deem: The Saddle-bags used by Rev. Moses Crum; one Volume of Sermons by Rev. Geo. Whitfield, 1788; one Methodist Discipline, 1784.

*Deceased.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1800.	October 6, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1801.	October 1, . .	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1802.	October 1, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1803.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1804.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1805.	October 2, . .	Anthony Houston, Ky., .	{ Francis Asbury, . . Richard Whatcoat.	William Burke.
1806.	September 15,	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1807.	September 14,	Chillicothe, O.,	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1808.	October 1, . .	Liberty Hill, Tenn., . .	{ Francis Asbury, . . W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1809.	September 30,	Cincinnati, O.,	{ Francis Asbury, . . W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1810.	September 6, .	Shelbyville, Ky.,	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1811.	October 5, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	Learner Blackman.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

1812.	October 1, . .	Chillicothe, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	Charles Holliday.
1813.	September 1,	Steubenville, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1814.	September 8, .	Cincinnati, O.,	John Sale, P. E., . .	David Young.
1815.	September 14,	Lebanon, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1816.	September 3, .	Louisville, Ky.,	{ W. McKendree, . . Enoch George, . .	David Young.
1817.	September 3, .	Zanesville, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . R. R. Roberts, . .	David Young.
1818.	August 7, . .	Steubenville, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . Enoch George, . .	John Tevis.
1819.	August 7, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . Enoch George, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1820.	August 8, . .	Chillicothe, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1821.	September 6, .	Lebanon, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1822.	September 5, .	Marietta, O.,	{ Enoch George, . . W. McKendree, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1823.	September 3, .	Urbana, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1824.	September 2, .	Zanesville, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . R. R. Roberts, . . J. Soule,	James Collard.
1825.	October 12, . .	Columbus, O.,	Enoch George, . .	Isaac C. Hunter.
1826.	October 4, . .	Hillsboro, O.,	E. Hedding,	G. R. Jones.
1827.	September 19,	Cincinnati, O.,	Enoch George, . .	G. R. Jones.
1828.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	G. R. Jones.
1829.	September 3, .	Urbana, O.,	{ R. R. Roberts, . . W. McKendree, . .	G. R. Jones.
1830.	September 8, .	Lancaster, O.,	J. Soule,	H. O. Sheldon.
1831.	September 8, .	Mansfield, O.,	E. Hedding,	H. O. Sheldon.
1832.	September 19,	Dayton, O.,	J. Emory,	H. O. Sheldon.
1833.	August 21, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	H. O. Sheldon.
1834.	August 20, . .	Circleville, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1835.	August 19, . .	Springfield, O.,	{ O. J. Andrew, . . J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1836.	September 28,	Chillicothe, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1837.	September 27,	Xenia, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1838.	September 26,	Columbus, O.,	B. Waugh,	J. M. Trimble.
1839.	September 18,	Cincinnati, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1840.	September 30,	Zanesville, O.,	{ E. Hedding, J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.

OHIO CONFERENCE.—Cont nued.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1841.	August 25, . .	Urbana, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1842.	September 28,	Hamilton, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.
1843.	September 27,	Chillicothe, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1844.	September 4, .	Marietta, O.,	{ B. Waugh,	J. M. Trimble.
			{ J. Soule,	
1845.	September 3, .	Cincinnati, O.,	L. L. Hamline, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1846.	September 2, .	Piqua, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.
1847.	September 1, .	Columbus, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. M. Trimble.
1848.	September 27,	Newark, O.,	L. L. Hamline, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1849.	September 19,	Dayton, O.,	{ B. Waugh,	J. M. Trimble.
			{ L. L. Hamline, . . .	
1850.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O.,	{ E. S. Janes,	J. M. Trimble.
			{ T. A. Morris,	
1851.	September 17,	Springfield, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.

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1852.	September 22,	Xenia, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1853.	September 23,	Hillsboro, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1854.	September 23,	Cincinnati, O.,	L. Scott,	J. T. Mitchell.
1855.	September 26,	Urbana, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1856.	October 1, . .	Ripley, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1857.	September 9, .	Piqua, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1858.	September 8, .	Lebanon, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1859.	September 7, .	Dayton, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1860.	September 5, .	Oxford, O.,	M. Simpson,	J. T. Mitchell.
1861.	September 4, .	Springfield, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1862.	September 3, .	Cincinnati, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1863.	September 2, .	Xenia, O.,	O. C. Baker,	W. H. Sutherland.
1864.	September 8, .	Greenfield, O.,	M. Simpson,	W. H. Sutherland.
1865.	August 30, . .	Troy, O.,	D. W. Clark,	W. H. Sutherland.
1866.	August 29, . .	Ripley, O.,	E. Thomson,	W. H. Sutherland.
1867.	August 28, . .	Urbana, O.,	T. A. Morris,	W. H. Sutherland.
1868.	August 26, . .	Hamilton, O.,	D. W. Clark,	W. H. Sutherland.
1869.	August 25, . .	Hillsboro, O.,	E. R. Ames,	W. H. Sutherland.
1870.	August 24, . .	Piqua, O.,	E. S. Janes,	W. H. Sutherland.
1871.	August 30, . .	Dayton, O.,	L. Scott,	W. H. Sutherland.
1872.	August 28, . .	Eaton, O.,	I. W. Wiley,	W. H. Sutherland.
1873.	August 27, . .	Springfield, O.,	E. R. Ames,	W. H. Sutherland.
1874.	August 26, . .	Wilmington, O.,	R. S. Foster,	W. H. Sutherland.
1875.	September 1, .	Cincinnati, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	W. H. Sutherland.
1876.	August 30, . .	Oxford, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	W. H. Sutherland.
1877.	September 5, .	Xenia, O.,	G. Haven,	W. H. Sutherland.
1878.	September 4, .	Piqua, O.,	W. L. Harris,	David Judson Starr.
1879.	September 3, .	Urbana, O.,	M. Simpson,	David Judson Starr.
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1887.	August 31, . .	Mechanicsburg, O., . . .	E. G. Andrews,	Stanley O. Royal.
1888.	September 5, .	Jamestown, O.,	H. W. Warren,	Stanley O. Royal.
1889.	September 4, .	Xenia, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Stanley O. Royal.
1890.	August 27, . .	Greenville, O.,	I. W. Joyce,	Stanley O. Royal.
1891.	September 2, .	Urbana, O.,	R. S. Foster,	Stanley O. Royal.
1892.	August 31, . .	Middletown, O.,	W. X. Ninde,	Stanley O. Royal.
1893.	August 30, . .	Troy, O.,	J. F. Hurst,	Stanley O. Royal.
1894.	September 5, .	Wilmington, O.,	D. A. Goodsell,	Stanley O. Royal.
1895.	August 28, . .	Hamilton, O.,	C. D. Foss,	Stanley O. Royal.
1896.	September 2, .	Piqua, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Stanley O. Royal.
1897.	September 1, .	Springfield, O.,	W. F. Mallalieu,	Stanley O. Royal.
1898.	August 31, . .	Xenia, O.,	John H. Vincent,	Stanley O. Royal.
1899.	August 30, . .	St. Paul, Dayton, O., . .	E. G. Andrews,	Stanley O. Royal.
1900.	August 29, . .	Hillsboro, O.,	H. W. Warren,	Stanley O. Royal.
1901.	September 5, .	Grace, Dayton, O.,	Jas. N. FitzGerald, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1902.	September 3, .	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.	J. M. Walden,	Stanley O. Royal.
1903.	September 2, .	Wesley, Cin'ti, O.,	C. H. Fowler,	Stanley O. Royal.
1904.	August 31, . .	Miamisburg, O.,	J. W. Bashford,	Stanley O. Royal.
1905.	September 6, .	High St., Springfield, O.	Earl Cranston,	Stanley O. Royal.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

OF THE

REV. GEORGE W. MALEY.

(Written about the year 1852.)

I WAS born in Western Pennsylvania, January 11, 1799. My father was a native of Baden, near Heidelberg, Germany, trained in the Lutheran Church, and educated respectably—a saddler by trade. I acquired a partial knowledge of the business, working with him in the shop. My mother was a native of Pennsylvania. Her father's name was Davies, from the principality of Wales, and my grandmother was from Ireland. Neither form nor power of godliness was taught me by precept or example, yet a divine light early overshadowed my dark mind. I remember well this day the first impression made upon my youthful heart of my mortality. I was seated in the school room in Union Town, Pa., when I saw a funeral procession moving along the street. Hitherto I had witnessed the same, but considered death as accidental. On that occasion I saw and felt that it was appointed unto all, and I suddenly drew this conclusion: "What is the use of seeking to be great or rich in this world, as life is short and uncertain?" My thoughts were so fixed for the time on eternal things and their superior importance. I was almost converted by the Spirit's power operating upon me at seven or eight years of age. Then followed a dark interregnum for several years (except some promptings to pray, from the example of a Presbyterian elder, whom I had seen engaged in secret prayer in his barn) until the harvest of 1816, when I had a solemn dream of the great day of God. I beheld the rising of the dead, small and great, "obsequious to the call, self-moved, advance" from every point of earth and underneath the ground, by numbers which no man could number, to meet the Judge, the Lord Jesus, whose throne was fixed in sight of the point where I stood with consternation; His appearance the finest, the divinest, and most beautiful of human forms. Unnumbered millions were gathering around Him to undergo an examination, and then to be rewarded or punished accordingly. I understood. I felt remorse for having neglected to retain and practice the duties of the Catechism. In my shock, from the terror and glory of the scene, I awoke, to sleep no more that night.

So indelible were the impressions left that I named the dream to my acquaintances, and finally committed it to paper by writing it down in detail. That paper is long since missing, but that which I saw and felt in that "vision of the night" is fresh in my memory, although forty-two years have gone since, with "the years beyond the flood." This dream had a good influence upon my youthful passions, and increased my credibility in the blessed doctrine "that God shall raise the dead." I had now spent about a year in the academy in Butler, Pa., and teaching a country school in the neighborhood. I felt tired of the sterile country, and the prospect of poverty ahead. I believed there was a better country for me. I had heard much of Ohio, and in November, 1817, I took leave of those who were near to me by the ties of kindred. I set off to seek a home in a stranger land. I was young; I had not the love, but I had the fear of God, and sometimes I made my prayer to Him, and believed He would protect me, and supply my wants.

After passing through Beaver, Columbiana, Stark, Wayne, and Tuscarawas Counties, the weather growing cold, the roads bad, and that which makes a stranger welcome (money) scarce, I determined on halting until spring, and then prosecute my journey to the Miami Valley. At

New Philadelphia I inquired of the principal hotel-keeper if there was a vacancy for a schoolteacher. He answered, "None," but informed me that five miles below town, old Mr. C—— lived, and he was well acquainted with the county. I found a kind rural home for three months, and, as St. Luke wrote of the Tyrians, that they "made Blastus, the king's chamberlain, their friend," so I made the old gentleman, who was a county officer, my firm friend, and in the spring I was introduced to a school for six months in the county-seat. I was boarded by the cashier of the New Philadelphia bank, Mr. B——, whose son has recently been a member of the Board of Public Works in Ohio. Here I was tempted and enticed by sinners; but I felt something like a noble young man of old, who said, "How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"

While I sojourned here I was loudly called again to remember my Creator. In company, one afternoon, with a student of medicine, we were bathing in the lake. The doctor could not swim. I was instructing him in the art. At the end of our innocent amusement, as we supposed, he proposed to wade to the deep water, and, in stumbling around me, he lost bottom, clasped me with a death embrace, and, binding both my arms, drew me with himself under water over our heads. I was conscious of my perilous condition, and while we both were speechless, floating down the stream, standing erect, side by side, occasionally touching bottom, I would give a spring and raise our heads above water, thus preventing drowning immediately after being submerged. As we were thus passing down the river, borne by the slow current, the good Lord kept us alive until we reached shoal water. After regaining our breath and strength, we waded to shore, sat down, and gave vent to tears of gratitude for our deliverance. I had not indulged in such acts on Sabbath before, and felt it to be a solemn warning, and there promised the Lord to sin no more.

A beautiful young lady at New Philadelphia was one of my scholars. I indulged in my first thoughts of marriage, and Miss B——, I judged, had corresponding and reciprocal feelings; for she often presented her pen to be mended when the penknife was not necessary. In the midst of all this mental exercise—for not an act or word had indicated such intention—I opened my Bible, and the first sentence attracting my sight was, "Thou shalt have neither sons nor daughters in this land." I looked upon it as a direction from God, not to localize myself in a place where Christianity was hardly known or respected, except by a Moravian congregation at Gnadenhutten. What little knowledge of the German language I have, I acquired in this place from the Rev. Mr. S——, of the Lutheran Church. Old Dr. Espid, a minister of the same Church, resided here in those days, and many years ago he removed to Germantown, Montgomery County, and died there full of years, and I trust full of hopes of immortality. I felt, I believe, a call of Providence to leave this people, and in October, 1818, I came to Lebanon, Warren County, Ohio.

How endeared is this county in the subsequent history of my life! At this date I had no personal knowledge of the Methodist Church, neither of her people nor her ecclesiastical polity. While I tarried a week at Colonel R——'s hotel, a general service was announced. I attended. The Rev. Mr. G——, of the Presbyterian Church, officiated. I noticed two fine-looking gentlemen standing outside the window, near the stand of the preacher within. They led the singing, and it was well done. On inquiry afterward, I found that one was J. R. and the other N. McL., both prominent men in the Methodist Church in Lebanon. If the Methodist Church embraced such men, she must have a reputation not unworthy of older Churches claiming more learning and orthodoxy. This town, though small in population, was in those days the residence of many leading men in Church and State,—Judge Collett, Judge Dunlevy, Judge Corwin, Judge Hansberger, Judge Brown, Colonel Van Horn, Judge McLean, then on the Supreme bench, and his sainted brother, Colonel William McLean, who in

October, 1839, went home to heaven; Jacob Miller, a colonel, a lawyer, and a local preacher; Thomas R. Ross, then representative in Congress; P. Ross, and William D. Ross. John Wood I heard make his first speech at the bar in 1818. What intellectual and moral strength the Methodist Church possessed in those days, in the names of Fogelsong, Nixon, Bretney, Hackney, Harrison, Clarke, Wood, Brown, Reeves, Rev. Eli Truitt, Mitchell (brother to Professor O. M. Mitchell), Mathias Corwin (brother to Thomas), and John, Nat., and William McLean, with many others; also the honorable women not a few! But O, how many of the above sleep in their graves!

"The graves of all His saints He blessed,
And softened every bed."

After a few days I found my friend and patron, J. R—. I accompanied him to the western part of the county, and in a few days I was the young schoolmaster, as they called me, with a house full of scholars, and several older than myself; yet all were subordinate. Although the people were strangers, they were kind, and I felt at home, and thankful for the mercies of my life. I soon made the acquaintance in the neighborhood of Rev. P. Montfort, pastor of the Unity and Pisgah congregations. I resumed the study of Latin, which I had commenced in Beaver Academy, Pennsylvania; recited to Mr. M—, lived retired, and devoted to my school and my studies. I attended Mr. M—'s ministry regularly, and had the form of, but was a stranger to, experimental religion. Still I practiced private prayer, and opened my school with prayer in the mornings, and sometimes I was invited to pray in families and in prayer-meetings, which I did a few times; but it was hard work, not having the spirit to help my infirmities. When my quarter was out, I engaged for six months.

During the second term, on Saturday, August 31, 1819, in company with the family with whom I was boarding, I set off for the great Union Camp-meeting, near Bedell's Station, some three miles distant. When I arrived within the circle of tents, and in full view of the crowding thousands, I was astonished at the strange sight. While looking in innocent curiosity, Mr. J. V—, an elder in Mr. M—'s congregation, was entering at the same avenue, and in an audible voice quoted a passage from the Acts, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians," with an emphasis which I construed as unfavorable to Methodist camp-meetings. Here I heard the Gospel preached with a power and fluency I was unaccustomed to. Here I heard the weeping Bishop George, G. C. Light, Russel Bigelow, Joseph Mitchell, A. W. Elliott, Hector Sanford, William Lambdin, C. Waddle—"equal to the task,"—William Swayzee, Moses Crume, William Westlake, and others; for there were about fifty traveling preachers on their way to the Cincinnati Conference. Here I saw and heard the first-fruits of the Wyandotte Mission. They sang in their own tongue

"By the grace of God I'll meet you
On Canaan's happy shore.
There we'll shout and give Him glory,
For glory is His own."

Then they prayed in Wyandotte, and such fire and power! O, it was a little heaven! Moses Henkle, Jr., now of Tennessee, conducted the exercises. I think he was connected with the mission.

On Sabbath there was preaching in each corner of the open space, and at the stand in the center at the same time. I suppose it bore some resemblance to the day of Pentecost in the city of Jerusalem, when the apostles, fresh from the upper chamber in the temple, where Christ had made them linguists without a lexicon, were let loose on the multitude on that festival occasion, and preached the Gospel with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven. Three thousand were the gleanings of that day, converted, baptized, and added to the New Testament Church. Such preach-

ing, exhortations, and prayers, I suppose, were never equaled since the days when the first teachers were sent out by two and two to evangelize the world.

On Sabbath evening, a young man, a teacher and a member of Mr. M——'s congregation, came to me and asked me if I was going home, adding, "I must go to meet my school in the morning." I replied that I had adjourned mine over until Tuesday morning, and that I wanted to see more of this wonderful movement. On Monday, I felt a conviction for sin which I had not felt for many years. I left the ground, and penetrated a distant and sequestered thicket for the purpose of private prayer. I had seen multitudes go forward to the altar,—indeed the altar for mourners was co-extensive with the encampment. But I was desirous to obtain the Crown without the Cross; so just as I had selected a little bower of prayer, and was bending my body in contact with its original, I espied the Wyandottes close by, weeping and praying like Jacob with the Angel of the Covenant, the God-Man. Satan withstood me; I was foiled, and returned, seeking rest, and finding none. I sat down in the congregation, and heard a sermon and exhortation in power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. My heart was broken and melting. The preacher, in closing his exhortation, invited all who desired to flee from the wrath to come, to flock to the altar like doves to the windows. Said he, "Let fathers hunt up their sons, and mothers their daughters." O, what a sight it was! The weeping parents and children, with locked arms, and arms flung around each other's necks, wended their way from every part of the vast assembly, and from the tents, prostrating themselves on the benches and on the ground,—and such scenes of lamentation, such singing, and praying, and shouting! Lord, it does me good in my soul even now to record it! But there I stood with a sick heart. No parents to invite me to the mercy-seat! A stranger—who cared for my soul? Old Jacob Metzger, of Greene County, cared. God sent him to me where I was standing between two men, my hands resting on their shoulders for support, weeping and brushing the tears from my cheeks. "Young man," said he, "I know what ails you. Come forward, and we will pray for you. You need religion," etc. My heart was full; I could not converse; I only objected by shaking my proud head. The dear old man withdrew, but shortly returned, and renewed and urged his invitation. I felt, as Dr. Dodd in his "Prison Thoughts" expressed it, "pursued like some poor deer, which from the hunter's aim has received the deathly wound." The arrows of the Lord were deep infixed in my heart, and I felt like offering it "upon true contrition's altar." The terrors of death got hold of my spirit. I found sorrow and trouble. I now felt the sinner must be born again or drink the wrath of God. I mentally said:

"I yield, I yield, I yield,
I can hold out no more;
I sink by loving power compelled,
And own Thee conqueror."

Just here the adversary presented a fresh barrier in my way, suggesting, "If you go to the altar in such a crowd, you will lose your hat;" and it was a brand-new one, purchased for the occasion. As the dew-drop on the tiny leaf bends the future tree, and as a pebble may change the course of a stream, so this little circumstance at first had some weight and produced a pause. But as the doctor who wrote "Thoughts" in the night inquired, "Knowest thou the importance of a soul immortal?" etc., I knew if I could gain a world and lose my soul, I should be bankrupt, undone, my soul in danger of being lost to all eternity. I was impressed that it was my last call. Then I said to the old gentleman, "I'll go," and took my hat by the brim, and cast it away, started to walk, but sunk to the ground, and finished the balance of the distance from the outside to the inside of the altar traveling on my hands and knees, where I threw

myself on the ground, and recollected very little of what transpired around me: only I heard two or three pray for me. One of them, as I afterward learned, was Brother John Morehead, of Rossville, a man of God. Years ago he died suddenly, and sudden glory I have no doubt was his reward.

My soul was absorbed and abstracted from the world. For a part of the period I thought the day of grace was past, and God's mercy clean gone forever. All my sins were presented, though forgotten by me, in a dark panorama; all the calls I had received, and rejected, rushed up before my vision, accusing and condemning me; and if "the double death should prove my lot, I might not blame the bowels of the Deity."

"Man shall be blest as far as man permits;
Heaven wills our happiness, but all'ows our doom,
Ardently entreats, but don't compel."

I resolved if I was sent from that awful spot to hell, I would make my way thither vocal with cries and prayers to the Lord Jesus Christ for mercy. I abhorred sin, I abhorred myself; I believed in God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. I promised, with the validity of an oath, that if the Lord would save me, forgive me all my sins, and own me for His child, I would honor Him and love Him and serve Him, with all my heart all the days of my life. By and by a cheering ray of hope sprung up; I remembered some of the promises God had given, pled them for Jesus's sake. While I was thus suspended in hope and despair alternately, a light shone from the Throne of the King immortal and invisible, and through that light I saw, I thought, the glory which the first Christian martyr saw, blessed Stephen. Instantaneously I left my bed in the dust where I had spent hours in agony, and seemed to be floating about in heaven's own circumambient air, using a phraseology unused by me before; a happiness, a heaven was mine, indescribable; sweet peace, joy ecstatic, love divine to God and man, overflowed my new heart. "Father, Abba, father," I cried with the Spirit of adoption witnessing to my spirit that I was born of Him, I loved saints and sinners, and sang and shouted with justified and sanctified hundreds the balance of the night. Next morning my hat was restored. I felt a fellowship with the followers of the Lamb of every nation, with whom I anticipated everlasting companionship in that sun-bright clime.

With a joyful heart I left the place where I found Him of whom Moses in the Law and the Prophets did write, to resume my duties in school. When I drew near I found the lawn around the house alive with sporting youth, the future material to build up Church and State. Soon the New Testament class of readers, composed of pleasant little girls, was on the floor. One of them, in reading, pronounced the name of Jesus. The sound of that blessed name filled my soul with music, and uncontrolled, in the new tongue which I had just learned, I praised the Lord, reclining my chair against the door, which prevented some of the grown young women from escaping, as they would have done as they afterward told me.

While I was thus crying, laughing, and shouting all together, Brother R—— rode up. I had gone with the family on Saturday previously to the camp-meeting. They had left on Sabbath evening, but had heard of the happy change which had been wrought in me. The old brother assumed the responsibility of dismissing the school until next morning, adding: "George, you are incapable of doing anything to-day. Get on my horse, and let's go home." Walk I could not, so powerless was my frame. As we passed along, occasionally such a heaven on earth would flash upon me that my hands were called into requisition, clapping them for joy. Then the horse would start with fright, and I was in danger of being cast to the ground. But no fear,—clap, clap, went my happy hands, and singing what I had learned the night before: "Shout, shout, we're gaining ground," etc. Brother R—— ran up and caught the horse, and led him

by the reins home, and called to his wife (whose funeral I preached many years after), "Harriet, Harriet, come out and see George."

It was not long after this that a revival spirit pervaded the elder class of the school. I spent my noon hours in the woods reading the Scriptures, committing hymns to memory, and in solemn prayer. What struggles and conflicts I had there with Satan in the maintenance of uninterrupted communion with my Father, the Father of my spirit! How the days glided over my head, made up of innocence and love!

Soon after my return from camp-meeting, I went over to P. V—, an elder in the Presbyterian Church, to attend a prayer-meeting. Many of the young people of the congregation had been awakened at the camp-meeting, and a good influence had been exerted on some of the old people. The meeting was opened by the pastor, and then one or two of the elders were invited to come forward, and, in their turn, gave out a hymn and prayed, standing. I conformed to the order, but found I was losing ground, and resolved, the next prayer I would kneel and pray myself. Accordingly, while engaged at the foot of the bed on my knees, the Lord blessed me. The next hymn was sung without lining, and that suited my feelings, for I wanted to move faster. I clapped my hands, and said "glory" a few times. Before the singing ended, it appeared like a mighty wave of Divine power passed through the room, and the slain of the Lord strewed the floor. Three young men were converted that night, and, after receiving the training the custom of the Presbyterian Church required, entered the ministry. One of them, the Rev. J. R—, died a few years since; the other two are yet upon the walls of Zion, one of whom is settled over a congregation in Hamilton County, near Cincinnati. The prayer-meeting closed about midnight. It made a great talk in the neighborhood. It was a resurrection era in the congregation. There was light and life and power, and the noise could be heard afar off. The next prayer-meeting was of the same spirit, and the preacher's wife became happy, and praised the Lord, I understood. Some of the old men of renown, after a few weeks, put their veto upon the work, and they have had a quiet day from that time until now.

I began to feel it my duty to identify myself with the visible Church, for as yet I had not taken the step. Conference had adjourned, and William Dixon and Rob. Dunlap were appointed to Miami Circuit. I heard them a few times, was pleased and encouraged. Yet it seemed that I should be a Methodist. But the more I attended their meetings, and became acquainted with their mode of worship, the way they preached and what they preached, how they prayed and sang, and their union and love and care for each other, I felt like being a Methodist. In September, a few weeks after my conversion, that good man, W. D—, whose body is sleeping in the Wabash Valley, had a Sabbath evening appointment to preach at Father Tullis's. At the close, in a most tender manner, he gave an invitation for those who wished to join the Church to come forward. A clever brother sitting at my side (Daniel M—, yet alive, soul and body, in the city of Piqua) turned around and said, "Brother George, will you go?" I was ready and fully decided, and he walked up with me. I gave my name to the Methodist Episcopal Church; my head and heart and tongue and all I had given to God in a perpetual covenant. I have often wished, since, that I had preserved that ancient class-book and pen which inscribed my name among the lovely band of classmates. When asked, "Where are they?" History answers, they are gone to the grave, except two or three out of forty in number.

I attended quarterly-meeting in Lebanon. I had to go some four miles to the place of preaching and class, but every Sabbath brought us to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Also, every Thursday evening a prayer-meeting was held of great usefulness in building up young and old in the most Holy Faith. The revival spirit pervaded all

the country. Mourners were at the altar, and souls were added to the Church for the space of a year, "washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." We opened our old schoolhouse for prayer; hundreds came, some to mock, and some to pray. The long benches (two made out of one cut of a young sapling, by splitting in twain, dressing the face a little, then boring and putting in dog-wood legs) were filled from end to end with kneeling and weeping sinners. Some aged and long hardened in sin, the melting power of grace subdued them to the cross. How that aged widow and mother in Israel would labor on such occasions!—Mother Cassatt, grandmother of John W. Cassatt, of the Cincinnati Conference. At one of our dear prayer meetings, Captain See, father of Burns See, of the Ohio Conference, came to the bench to seek salvation; and not long after, praying in his family one night, the Lord pardoned his sins, and set his soul free. He is yet walking in the light, with his good wife, who was in Christ a few months before him.

Certain members of the society sometimes remarked to me that they believed that the Lord had a work for me to do in His vineyard. This revived an impression, which I had had for several years, that I should one day be a preacher of the Gospel. I had such views of the sacred office and of the nature of the work, that a Divine call to it was essential. Often, in secret prayer, I prayed to be taught what was the will of God concerning me, and, as an answer to satisfy me, looked for some visible sign from heaven. But no sign came, and I gave it up as a mistake of the people, and of myself; and, after this decision, concluded to marry and settle down permanently in that place in my vocation, serve the Lord as a class-leader and exhorter, do all the good I could, and get to heaven when I died. The days of June of this year, another camp-meeting, in connection with the fourth quarterly meeting, was held in this neighborhood—a glorious meeting, a heaven almost on earth! Besides the circuit preachers, Dixon and Dunlap, there were present Joseph Mitchell, A. W. Elliott, Lambdin, Strange, Dr. Truman Bishop. That prince among the heralds of the Gospel, J. P. Durbin, then quite a youth, came down from the wilderness of Greenville Circuit to see his brethren, and they parleyed for some time whether he should preach on the occasion. But one of the preachers said he would be Durbin's security. This was his first sermon among the *literati* of Warren County. He never needed security from that morning onward. If any failure he made the preceding winter in the judgment of some *old fogies*, he fully redeemed himself here, and preached until the thousands here assembled were "almost [and many altogether] persuaded to be Christians."

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT YEAR.)

In Memoriam.

"Call the laborers and give them their hire."—MATT. XX, 8.

DECEASED BISHOPS.

NAME.	BORN.	ENT'D MINISTRY.		Bishop.	Conse- -crated	REMARKS.
		Conference.	Y'r.			
Thomas Coke.....	Sept. 9, 1747	Brit. Wes.	1778	1784		Died at sea, May 3, 1814.
Francis Asbury.....	Aug. 20, 1745	Brit. Wes.	1766	1784		Died in Virginia, March 31, 1816.
Richard Whatcoat.....	Feb. 23, 1733	Brit. Wes.	1769	1800		Died in Delaware, July 5, 1806.
William McKendree.....	July 5, 1757	M. E. Ch.	1788	1808		Died in Tennessee, March 5, 1835.
Enoch George.....	Mar. 10, 1768	M. E. Ch.	1790	1816		Died in Virginia, August 23, 1828.
Robert R. Roberts.....	Aug. 2, 1778	Baltimore.	1802	1816		Died in Indiana, March 28, 1843.
Joshua Soule.....	Aug. 1, 1781	New York.	1799	1824		Entered M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 6, '67.
Elijah Hedding.....	Jan. 7, 1780	New Eng.	1801	1824		Died in Poughkeepsie, April 9, 1852.
James Osgood Andrew.....	May 3, 1791	S. Carol'a	1813	1832		Bish. M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 1, '71.
John Emory.....	April 11, 1789	Phila.....	1810	1832		Died in Maryland, December 16, 1835.
Beverly Waugh.....	Oct. 25, 1789	Baltimore.	1809	1836		Died in Maryland, February 9, 1858.
Thomas A. Morris.....	April 28, 1794	Ohio.....	1816	1836		Died in Springfield, O., Sept. 2, 1874.
Leonidas L. Hamline.....	May 10, 1797	Ohio.....	1833	1844		Resig'd 1852; died in Iowa, Mar. 22, '65.
Edmund Storer James.....	April 27, 1807	Phila.....	1830	1844		Died in New York, Sept. 18, 1876.
Levi Scott.....	Oct. 11, 1802	Phila.....	1825	1852		Died in Odessa, July 13, 1882.
Matthew Simpson.....	June 21, 1811	Pittsburg.	1834	1852		Died in Philadelphia, June 18, 1884.
Osmon C. Baker.....	July 30, 1812	N. Hamp.	1839	1852		Died in Concord, N. H., Dec. 20, 1871.
Edward R. Ames.....	May 20, 1806	Illinois.....	1830	1852		Died in Baltimore, April 25, 1879.
*Francis Burns.....	Dec. 5, 1809	Liberia.....	1838	1858		Died in Baltimore, April 18, 1863.
Davis Wasgatt Clark.....	Feb. 25, 1812	New York.	1843	1864		Died in Cincinnati, May 23, 1871.
Edward Thomson.....	Oct. 12, 1810	Ohio.....	1832	1864		Died in Wheeling, W. Va., Mar. 22, '70.
Calvin Kingsley.....	Sept. 8, 1812	Erie.....	1841	1864		Died in Beyroot, Syria, April 6, 1870.
*John W. Roberts.....	Sept. 8, 1812	Liberia.....	1838	1866		Died in Africa, January 30, 1875.
William L. Harris.....	Nov. 4, 1817	Michigan.....	1837	1872		Died in New York, Sept. 2, 1887.
Isaac W. Wiley.....	Mar. 29, 1825	Phila.....	1851	1872		Died in Foochow, China, Nov. 22, 1884.
Gilbert Haven.....	Sept. 19, 1821	N. Engl'd.	1851	1872		Died in Malden, Mass., Jan. 3, 1880.
Jesse T. Peck.....	April 4, 1811	Oneida.....	1832	1872		Died in Syracuse, N. Y., May 17, 1883.
Erastus O. Haven.....	Nov. 1, 1820	New York.	1848	1880		Died in Salem, Oreg., August 2, 1881.
John P. Newman.....	Sept. 1, 1826	Oneida.....	1848	1883		Died in Saratoga, N. Y., July 6, 1899.
William Xavier Ninde.....	June 21, 1832	Black R'er	1856	1884		Died in Detroit, Mich., Jan. 3, 1901.
*Edwin W. Parker.....	Jan. 21, 1833	Vermont.....	1857	1900		Died in Naini Tal, India, June 4, 1901.
*Win. Taylor.....	May 2, 1821	Baltimore	1843	1884		Died in California, May 19, 1902.
Randolph S. Foster.....	Feb. 22, 1820	Ohio.....	1837	1872		Died in Newton Ctr, Mass., May 1, '03.
John Fletcher Hurst.....	Aug. 17, 1834	Newark.....	1859	1880		Died in Washington, D. C., May 4, '03.
Isaac Wins n Joyce.....	Oct. 11, 1836	N. W. Ind.	1859	1888		Died in Minne'polis, Minn., July 28, '05.

* Missionary Bishops.

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OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Lewis Hunt,	May 16, 1786,	Dec. 3, 1801, Kentucky,
William Young,	Feb. 15, 1781, Virginia,	July 8, 1812, Ohio,	26
Ralph Lotspeich,	Aug. 12, 1782, Maryland,	Dec. 15, 1813, Ohio,	32
Walter Griffith,	Sept. 13, 1793, Maryland,	June 27, 1822, Xenia, O.,	30
Samuel Baker,	Sept. 31, 1787, Virginia,	Sept. 26, 1823, Middletown, O.,	40
Alexander Cummins,	Oct. 20, 1795, Maryland,	Sept. 27, 1823, Cincinnati, O.,	36
Nathan Walker,	Feb. 28, 1797, Virginia,	Aug. 26, 1825, Frankfort, Ky.,	30
John Walker,	April 4, 1769, Virginia,	April 5, 1849,	52
John Sale,	May 5, 1758,	Jan. 15, 1827, Troy, O.,	58
Michael Ellis,	1792, Virginia,	Oct. 30, 1830, Rehoboth, O.,	72
John Ulin,	James F. Callaghan,	July 13, 1833, N. Richmond, O	41
Thomas F. Sargent,	April 10, 1776, Maryland,	Nov. 9, 1833, Marietta, O., . . . . .	...
William Page,	Sept. 1772, New Jersey,	Dec. 29, 1833, Cincinnati, O.,	57
Philip Gatch,	March 21, 1751, Maryland,	Nov. 15, 1834, Ohio,	62
Russel Bigelow,	Feb. 24, 1793, New Hampshire,	Dec. 28, 1835, Ohio,	83
William Phillips,	May 7, 1797, Kentucky,	July 1, 1835, Columbus, O.,	43
Erastus Felton,	Jan. 28, 1798, New York,	Aug. 6, 1836, Cincinnati, O.,	39
John A. Waterman,	June 29, 1790, New Hampshire,	June 25, 1837, Ohio,	39
James W. Finley,	Dec. 24, 1800, Ohio,	Aug. 6, 1837, Oxford, O.,	47
William D. Barrett,	July 19, 1797, Virginia,	June 11, 1838, Kentucky,	38
Dudley Woodbridge,	1814, Ohio,	Feb. 22, 1839, Ohio,	42
Frederick B. Butler,	July 22, 1803, Virginia,	Jan. 3, 1839, Marietta, O.,	25
Moses Cruine,	Feb. 27, 1766, Virginia,	March 5, 1839, Ohio,	36
George Fate,	Aug. 28, 1819, Ohio	April 1, 1839, Oxford, O.,	73
		Aug. 28, 1839, Marion, O.,	20

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Charles R. Baldwin, . . .	March 17, 1803, Massachusetts	Nov. 9, 1839, Parkersburg, Va.,	36
Jeremiah Hill,	Oct. 2, 1816, Rhode Island, . .	May 26, 1840, Ohio,	24
Robert W. Finley, . . .	June 9, 1750, Pennsylvania, . .	Dec. 8, 1840, Ohio,	90
William B. Christie, . .	Sept. 2, 1803, Ohio,	March 27, 1842, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Isaac C. Hunter,	Aug. 30, 1798, Pennsylvania, . .	June 27, 1842, Gallipolis, O., .	44
Alfred Hance,	Jan. 8, 1810, New Jersey, . . .	Feb. 2, 1843, Ohio,	33
John W. Kanaga,	Feb., 1819,	Feb. 14, 1844, Ohio,	25
Greenbury R. Jones, . .	April 7, 1784, Pennsylvania, . .	Sept. 20, 1844, Marietta, O., .	60
Henry S. Farnandis, . .	Dec. 1, 1793, Virginia,	May 17, 1845, Rushville, O., .	52
John Collins,	Nov. 1, 1769, New Jersey, . . .	Aug. 21, 1845, Kentucky, . . .	76
John Ferree,	Nov. 22, 1792, Pennsylvania, . .	Oct. 4, 1845, Jackson, O., . . .	53
William R. Anderson, . .	June 21, 1810, Ross Co., O., . .	Feb. 25, 1846, Ohio,	36
Benjamin Cooper, . . .	June 3, 1802, Perry Co., O., . .	May 13, 1846, Indiana,	44
Jacob Delay,	Dec. 17, 1781, Pennsylvania, . .	Oct. 18, 1846, Jackson Co., O.,	65
William Parrish,	Oct. 25, 1800, n'r Lexington, Ky	Oct. 17, 1847, Butler Co., O., .	47
James Quinn,	April 1, 1775, Pennsylvania, . .	Dec. 1, 1847, Ohio,	72
Alexander Morrow, . .	March 21, 1810, Pennsylvania, . .	Feb. 13, 1849, Ohio,	39
Benjamin Lakin,	Aug. 23, 1767, Maryland,	Feb., 1849, Ohio,	82
Nathan Emery,	Aug. 5, 1780, Maine,	May 27, 1849, Ohio,	69
Martin Wolf,	Nov. 25, 1813, Pennsylvania, . .	July 10, 1849, Ohio,	36
Alfred L. Westervelt, . .	Jan. 22, 1821, Westerville, O., .	July 31, 1849, Ohio,	29
Asa B. Stroud,	April 11, 1807, Ohio,	Sept. 23, 1849, Ohio,	42
Chas. B. Warrington, . .	March 13, 1814, England,	Feb. 18, 1850, Ohio,	36
Philip A. Mutchner, . .	Jan. 10, 1817, Ohio,	Oct. 2, 1850, Ohio,	33
Joseph T. Lewis,	April 18, 1824, Ohio,	Nov. 3, 1850, Cincinnati, O., .	26
O. P. Williams,	April 13, 1814, Ohio,	1850, Ohio,	36
James A. Taylor,	1823, Ohio,	Aug. 10, 1851, Ohio,	28
Samuel Maddux,	May 2, 1818, Ohio,	Nov. 9, 1851, Logan, O., . . .	33
Ebenezer B. Chase, . .	April 3, 1806, Maine,	Mch. 4, 1852, Kingston C't'r, O.	36

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Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.	Time of Death.	Age at Death.	Years of Ministry.	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.	Time of Death.	Age at Death.	Years of Ministry.
Wm. H. Raper,	1819	Feb. 11, 1852	58	33	George B. Owens, . . .	1853	Nov. 23, 1863	54	10
Jos. S. Tomlinson, . . .	1825	June 4, 1853	51	Tchr	A. P. Dunlap,	1854	Feb. 14, 1863	34	9
Chas. G. Meredith, . .	1846	July 16, 1854	34	8	A. M. Lorain,	1824	Apr. 25, 1863	72	39
Gilbert C. Townley, . .	1845	Nov. 2, 1854	33	6	W. H. Fyffe,	1836	May 20, 1863	49	27
Thomas Gorsuch, . . .	1841	May 12, 1855	39	14	J. T. Mitchell, . . .	1832	May 30, 1863	53	31
James M. Cavin,	1850	May 19, 1855	30	5	L. Swormstedt, . . .	1818	Aug. 28, 1863	64	45
Philip Nation,	1833	Oct. 14, 1855	43	22	C. W. Sears,	1844	Aug. 29, 1863	44	19
James Smith,	1818	Apr. 7, 1856	65	38	Henry Baker,	1814	Dec. 24, 1863	66	49
George W. Walker, . . .	1826	July 31, 1856	51	30	E. D. Roe,	1832	..... 1864	63	31
B. Brownmiller,	1849	Sep. 16, 1856	32	7	David Sharp,	1813	Apr. 21, 1865	77	52
James B. Finley,	1809	Sep. 6, 1857	76	48	Enoch G. West, . . .	1848	May 8, 1865	39	17
Moses G. Bennett, . . .	1847	Mar. 8, 1857	37	10	Wm. E. Spahr,	1863	Nov. 30, 1865	22	2
A. J. Dinkins,	1842	Jan. 10, 1857	44	15	David Whitcomb, . .	1826	May 17, 1866	40	40
Samuel Neer,	1854	Aug. 15, 1857	30	3	Levi White,	1822	Aug. 21, 1866	68	44
James B. Austin,	1828	Sep. 27, 1857	51	29	M. Marlay,	1831	Sep. 2, 1866	69	35
J. J. Tiffany,	1850	Dec. 29, 1857	31	7	David Reed,	1832	Mar. 24, 1867	56	35
Arthur W. Elliott, . . .	1818	Jan. 18, 1858	73	40	Wm. S. Hartley, . . .	1856	Feb. 7, 1869	35	13
John S. Jackson,	1856	Mar. 29, 1858	24	2	Joseph M. Gatch, . .	1842	Feb. 13, 1869	47	27
W. S. Morrow,	1830	June 19, 1858	53	28	Arza Brown,	1824	Aug. 1, 1869	77	45
Robert O. Spencer, . .	1824	Aug. 30, 1858	52	34	Moses Smith,	1842	Aug. 25, 1866	52	27
Horace S. Sellman, . .	1846	Feb. 1, 1859	38	13	Jesse Botkin,	1842	Feb. 25, 1870	62	28
Perlee W. Wilber, . . .	Tchr	June 11, 1859	52	25	A. W. Musgrove, . . .	1852	Apr. 19, 1870	58	30
William Kaetter,	1851	Sep. 12, 1859	46	8	Charles W. Swain, . .	1831	Apr. 25, 1870	76	39
Steph. H. Holland, . . .	1831	Jan. 10, 1860	53	29	Eli Kirk,	1857	Sep. 17, 1870	39	13
Jesse R. Hall,	1854	Aug. 30, 1860	26	6	Dan'l D. Davison, . .	1811	Dec. 14, 1870	85	59
Charles Kissenger, . . .	1855	Sep. 28, 1860	30	5	John W. Fowble, . . .	1842	July 6, 1871	56	29
Isaac I. Beall,	1849	Oct. 27, 1860	37	11	John Shiun,	1854	Sep. 26, 1871	47	17
Peter Schmucker, . . .	1838	Dec. 9, 1860	76	46	Isaac Neff,	1849	Oct. 29, 1871	47	22
George Danker,	1839	Mar. 4, 1861	67	22	John Seys,	1825	Feb. 9, 1872	72	47
Daniel Griffis,	1853	Aug. 28, 1861	34	8	Levi P. Miller,	1830	July 28, 1872	63	42
Hen. E. Purkiser, . . .	1852	Dec. 4, 1861	34	9	Wesley Rector,	1871	Sep. 26, 1872	35	8
Wesley Rowe,	1834	Feb. 8, 1862	52	28	George J. Conner, . .	1859	Apr. 1, 1873	44	14
Joseph Newson,	1833	May 20, 1862	53	29	A. B. Wambaugh, . . .	1838	Aug. 14, 1873	57	35
Charles R. Lovell, . . .	1833	Sep. 25, 1862	45	29	Joshua Boucher, . . .	1818	Nov. 22, 1873	76	55
George W. Harris, . . .	1850	Nov. 5, 1862	38	12	H. M. Curry,	1848	Mar. 3, 1874	55	26

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James Armstrong,	1827	July 1, 1874	70	47	W. N. Williams,	1855	Oct. 8, 1892	77	37
W. Simmons, . .	1820	Aug. 6, 1874	76	54	J. P. Bishop, . . .	1880	Nov. 20, 1892	43	12
N. C. Parrish, . .	1865	Feb. 15, 1875	40	10	A. U. Beall,	1852	May 19, 1894	67	42
W. Routledge, . .	1843	Apr. 28, 1875	68	32	D. H. Sargent, . .	1846	Aug. 15, 1894	77	48
M. G. Purkiser, . .	1835	Apr. 29, 1875	61	40	T. S. Cowden, . .	1848	Jan. 17, 1895	68	47
E. House,	1865	May 20, 1875	50	10	Henry Stokes, . .	1852	Jan. 23, 1895	67	43
J. C. Bontecou, . .	1827	Oct. 14, 1875	72	48	Benj. Glascock, . .	1849	May 30, 1895	72	46
N. Callender, . .	1825	Feb. 6, 1876	75	51	W. B. Jackson, . .	1847	May 16, 1895	86	48
P. A. Ogden, . . .	1825	Aug. 23, 1876	77	51	W. R. Webster, . .	1842	Sep. 25, 1895	81	53
Samuel Brown, . .	1841	Sep. 23, 1876	70	35	I. C. Page,	1888	Jan. 5, 1896	32	7
T. A. G. Phillips,	1833	Feb. 28, 1877	67	44	Jas. Murray, . . .	1865	Mar. 6, 1896	58	30
Wm. H. Lawder, . .	1833	Apr. 20, 1877	68	44	Mighill Dustin, . .	1836	Mar. 10, 1896	86	60
Wm. I. Ellsworth,	1834	May 10, 1877	70	43	Simon McChesney	1858	June 20, 1896	57	38
Elijah H. Field, . .	1824	Oct. 1, 1878	82	54	W. L. Hypes, . . .	1849	July 26, 1896	68	46
Alex. Meharry, . .	1841	Nov. 18, 1878	65	37	E. C. Smith, . . .	1870	Aug. 22, 1896	71	26
Jos. A. Reeder, . .	1829	Nov. 24, 1878	81	49	Henry Miller, . . .	1870	Oct. 25, 1896	50	26
John C. Deem, . . .	1854	Jan. 21, 1879	77	25	W. J. Quarry, . . .	1846	Feb. 9, 1897	80	51
J. McD. Mathews,	1831	Aug. 5, 1879	75	48	Wm. Herr,	1830	Mar. 28, 1897	91	67
John F. Wright, . .	1815	Sep. 13, 1879	84	64	J. L. Grover, . . .	1837	May 5, 1897	91	60
Wm. H. Miesse, . .	1870	July 26, 1880	34	10	L. D. McCabe, . . .	1843	June 18, 1897	80	54
John Barton, . . .	1839	Jan. 16, 1882	64	43	Geo. T. Perry, . . .	1890	Jan. 20, 1898	32	8
Herman Lüders, . .	1878	Jan. 17, 1882	39	4	Silas Bennett, . . .	1850	Mar. 10, 1898	72	36
David Warnock, . .	1834	Feb. 21, 1882	72	48	N. W. Darlington,	1858	Mar. 18, 1898	72	27
James Kendall, . .	1851	Mar. 2, 1882	59	31	Timothy Wones, . .	1848	July 28, 1898	82	8
George C. Crum, . .	1831	Mar. 4, 1882	73	51	Asbury Lowrey, . .	1840	Aug. 5, 1898	82	48
John W. Weakley,	1837	Apr. 30, 1882	59	45	Jas. Stephenson, . .	1866	Sept. 4, 1898	64	37
Charles Kalbfus, . .	1826	May 10, 1882	75	56	F. W. Hypes, . . .	1857	Nov. 25, 1898	67	41
Jas. F. McClelland,	1864	Jan. 19, 1883	19	19	Patrick Carland, . .	1855	Nov. 25, 1898	70	43
Willis M. Boyer, . .	1872	Jan. 14, 1884	48	11	M. Kauffman, . . .	1847	Dec. 3, 1898	86	51
Nimrod McDonald	1856	Jan. 15, 1884	68	27	Wm. Q. Shannon, . .	1851	Dec. 16, 1898	74	47
David Kemper, . . .	1836	Mar. 24, 1884	77	47	John W. Cassatt, . .	1850	Feb. 4, 1899	71	49
Charles Ferguson,	1844	June 4, 1884	67	39	Chas. H. Payne, . .	1857	May 5, 1899	68	42
Milton G. Baker, . .	1843	Sep. 26, 1884	69	41	Wm. B. Moler, . . .	1856	May 31, 1899	66	42
James F. Chalfant,	1843	Oct. 5, 1884	64	41	Sam'l D. Clayton,	1847	June 6, 1899	76	52
Jesse M. Robinson	1851	Oct. 11, 1884	58	33	A. M. Griffith, . . .	1863	Sep. 19, 1899	68	36
Andrew Murphy, . .	1837	Feb. 4, 1885	88	48	Richard A. Arthur	1840	Nov. 11, 1899	59	29
John N. Irvin, . . .	1872	Mar. 6, 1885	37	12	James P. Whitney	1870	Dec. 15, 1899	59	59
Joseph J. Hill, . .	1830	Nov. 11, 1885	80	55	William I. Fee, . . .	1858	Feb. 13, 1900	83	42
John C. Maddy, . .	1852	Dec. 12, 1885	63	33	James P. Shultz, . .	1857	Mar. 29, 1900	66	43
Dennis Callahan,	1855	May 6, 1886	67	38	David C. Vauce, . .	1864	May 30, 1900	60	36
J. W. Stone,	1838	Oct. 14, 1886	74	49	J. H. Middleton, . .	1856	Nov. 14, 1900	71	44
Granville Moody,	1835	June 4, 1887	75	52	John F. Marlay, . .	1850	Dec. 15, 1900	74	52
David Whitmer, . .	1846	June 23, 1887	65	41	T. H. Pearne, . . .	1839	June 1, 1901	81	62
Richard Brandriff,	1823	July 16, 1887	84	64	Thomas Collett, . .	1850	July 18, 1901	76	52
Wm. Young,	1832	Aug. 26, 1887	80	55	Adam Miller, . . .	1831	July 29, 1901	91	70
I. S. Peregrine, . .	1851	Feb. 24, 1888	69	37	Joseph I. Taggart,	1875	Nov. 9, 1901	65	26
S. F. Conrey, . . .	1837	July 4, 1888	73	51	M. A. Richards, . .	1864	May 11, 1902	61	38
M. P. Gaddis, . . .	1838	Sep. 8, 1888	77	50	C. W. Gullette, . . .	1877	June 14, 1902	49	25
Jer'h B. Ellsworth	1838	Apr. 30, 1889	79	51	George B. Shanor, . .	1894	Aug. 9, 1902	38	8
Allen W. Tibbits,	1846	May 8, 1889	67	43	Adam Bowers, . . .	1865	Oct. 12, 1902	61	37
Chas. W. Ketcham	1854	May 13, 1889	59	35	Wm. Runyan, . . .	1863	Nov. 9, 1902	68	39
Ephraim M. Cole,	1850	June 29, 1889	68	39	John F. Loyd, . . .	1849	Mch. 12, 1903	78	54
William Mahon, . .	1859	July 1, 1889	53	21	J. L. Gregg,	1858	Nov. 17, 1903	77	45
Jer'h H. Bayliss, . .	1859	Aug. 14, 1889	54	30	Wm. T. McMullen,	1865	Apr. 20, 1904	83	39
Geo. H. Kennedy,	1853	Sep. 19, 1889	65	36	L. E. Prentiss, . .	1875	Apr. 20, 1904	29	55
Sam'l A. Brewster,	1854	May 25, 1890	64	36	R. K. Deem,	1865	Aug. 13, 1904	39	69
Thomas Lee,	1851	Mar. 10, 1891	64	40	J. W. Mason,	1858	Aug. 31, 1904	46	68
J. W. Keely,	1845	Dec. 23, 1891	75	48	G. W. Fee,	1858	Oct. 19, 1904	78	46
J. F. Conrey, . . .	1839	Jan. 26, 1892	74	52	D. A. McCole, . . .	1850	Jan. 8, 1905	65	24
L. F. Van Cleve, . .	1850	Mar. 2, 1892	66	44	A. C. Turrell, . . .	1889	Feb. 6, 1905	15	40
G. W. Kelley, . . .	1855	May 5, 1892	72	37	J. P. Porter,	1864	May 9, 1905	68	41
W. E. Hines,	1856	June 22, 1892	69	37	W. N. Maxey, . . .	1855	May 13, 1905	76	49

Memorial Sermon.

BY REV. A. D. MADDOX.

"FRIEND, GO UP HIGHER."

Luke xiv, 10.

I. THE right way is higher than the wrong; the righteous life is higher than the sinful. To every penitent one who confesses his sins and accepts Christ as his Savior. He says, "Friend, go up higher." God said to Satan, "On thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life." God made man to stand perpendicular, but when he disobeyed he fell to the horizontal. Jesus said of the Jews, "Ye are of your father the devil," because they did the work of the devil. In a spiritual sense, man is on all-fours. When he complies with the conditions, Jesus puts him on his feet. There is in the kingdom of nature the spiritual kingdom—the "kingdom of God." Jesus brought to us the kingdom of grace and glory. In this world there are kingdoms rising one above the other. The vegetable above the mineral, the animal above the vegetable, the intellectual above the animal, the spiritual above the intellectual. The lower kingdom, to get into the one above it, must have assistance from above. Jesus says to every one, "Ye must be born again," "from above." All argument is precluded. Jesus does not say, "Ye ought to be born again; it would be better for you to be born again," but, "Ye must be born again." When Jesus says, "Ye must," it is foolish to discuss the subject. He does not say this is the sense that He has all power and has shut every other way, and you must go this way or not at all, but He says it in the sense that there is no other way; that it is a spiritual law, and there is absolutely no other way. Getting into the "kingdom of God" is a translation. "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son." (Col. i, 13.) Here is where soul-food is obtained, spiritual supplies stored. There are blessings here for the soul as real and definite as there are for the body in the natural world. But "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the *things* which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the *things* of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the *things* that are freely given to us of God. . . . But the natural man receiveth not the *things* of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (1 Cor. ii, 9-14.)

II. To those who constitute His people there are some specially called to be His messengers. A call to the ministry is as clear and definite as a call to be a disciple of our Lord. It is as plainly taught in the Word as any other doctrine. Paul so understood. To Timothy (2 Tim. i, 8-11): "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel accord-

ing to the power of God; who hath saved us, and called us with an *holy calling*, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel: whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles." Again, to First Timothy i, 12: "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." It is said of Nathan Bangs that John Wesley called him into the ranks of the Gospel ministry. He seemed to see in a dream the great leader passing with great velocity in a chariot of light, throwing out to him a shining sword, and saying, "Take this, and conquer." All down along the ages God has called men to special work. Abraham, Moses, Elijah, Gideon, Samuel, Saul, and David are some we would mention of the Old Testament; and Matthew, John, Peter, Paul, and Timothy are a few of the New Testament. To every such an one as Jesus calls to the ranks of the Gospel ministry He says, "Friend, go up higher." So far as we know, God has no more important work, and no more honorable work, than carrying the Gospel to a sin-cursed and sorrowing world.

"'Tis not a cause of small import
The pastor's case demands;
But what might fill an angel's heart,
And filled a Savior's hands."

1. Consider the cause for the giving the Gospel. When God placed our representative heads in the Garden of Eden they were in His image and likeness. They were absolutely free from every taint of sin, as pure and holy as their Creator. There was no sin in them, for all they had was from God, and He had no sin to give them. If there had been any taint, they would not have been in the "image and likeness" of God. From that exaltation they fell, by disobedience, and brought a deep and impassable gulf between the human race and the great Father, over which neither could pass. Man had severed himself from God's protection and care. All the curses that could result from sin were let loose upon man. Destruction, certain and awful and sudden, was in store.

2. Consider Him who brought us the Gospel, and at what amazing cost! 'God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten *Son*, that whosoever believeth on Him might not perish, but have everlasting life." Paul calls it "The glorious Gospel of the blessed God." (1 Tim. i, 11.) Jesus Christ, the Author, is in every particular one with the Father; "Thought is not robbery to be equal with God;" was "The Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. . . . And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us full of grace and truth." "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich." (2 Cor. viii, 9.) What a spectacle! What tongue can describe it? The eternal Son of God leaving the throne of the universe, and disrobing Himself of honors due Him, descending into the darkness, sin, and sorrow of this world of crime and wretchedness, wounded, bruised, rejected, insulted, hanged upon the cross in disgrace, for no other purpose in the world but to make a way whereby the farthest wanderer from the Father's house may be saved from the uttermost to the uttermost, and made like unto Himself, holy, harmless, undefiled, and fitted one day to stand with the purest and holiest of God's family.

3. Consider, again, what the Gospel is. Paul says, "The Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

It is indestructible. If the paper and leather are destroyed, the Gospel remains. It is more than system, doctrine, Bible, or Church: the real Gospel in the world is He who sits on the white horse going forth, "conquering and to conquer." In speaking of the Gospel, there must be the consideration of a person. It is well to make much of system, doctrine, Bible, and Church, but we are not to make so much of them as to bury out of sight the person. The Gospel, so far as it embodies spiritual force and motive; so far as it meets man in his sin, weakness, sorrow, and despair, is Christ. The Gospel has a personal voice, the voice of one person, to another, the voice of the "man Christ Jesus." The Gospel declares itself to be God's greatest answer to man's greatest want. There are questions that come right up out of the heart of man that can not be answered anywhere else. The Gospel does not profess to be one answer among many, but claims to be the only answer.

(1) I am told that there is a God, the Creator and Preserver of the universe. My heart asks, "Who is He? What kind of a being is He?" In nature I see the workings of a mighty power. The world about me is in the throes of a mighty storm; the trees bend themselves to its power; animals and men fall dead at the flash of the lightning; the mighty flood sweeps along, carrying death and devastation to human life and property; the epidemic keeps the hearses on the way to the cemetery continually. I see a God whom I can fear, but not love. I look into the old Word, and I read of a flood that swept away into a watery grave, not only guilty men and women, but multitudes of innocent children; of fire and brimstone falling down out of heaven and destroying cities of men, women, and children; where the earth opens and receives into its awful chasm a multitude of men, women, and children. Again, I see a God whom I can fear, but not love. I finally come to this Gospel, and read of Him who was rich, and for my sake became poor, entered human flesh, fed the hungry, healed the sick, opened the eyes of the blind, unstopped the ears of the deaf, raised the dead, wept with the bereaved; into no home did He ever go to bring sickness, sorrow, or death, but health, joy, and life. I hear Him say, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father also." Then it is God that I see. Then Jesus in the Holy Land is a manifestation of God's attitude toward man. The great question of my heart is answered. I have found One whom I can love with all my heart. My heart grips Him. He says, "Neither knoweth any man the Father save the Son and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him."

(2) I find myself in the hands of a power that enslaves me. That which I do, I allow not; for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. The good that I would, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that do I. I find, then, a law that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. I delight in the law of God; I want to please Him; but I find in my members a law warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into the captivity of the law of sin. I don't want this idolatry, hatred, variance, envy, jealousy. My soul in its anguish cries out, O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the awful condition?"

"O where shall rest be found,
Rest for the weary soul?
'T were vain the ocean's depth to sound,
Or pierce to either pole.
The world can never give
The bliss for which we sigh."

"The glorious Gospel of the blessed God" settles it, when Jesus says to my sin-enslaved soul, "Thy sins which were many are all forgiven thee."

"Now rest, my long divided heart,
Fixed on this blissful center, rest."

(3) Once more my heart asks, "What of the future?" My friends are passing away. I see them still and cold in the casket, and consigned to the grave. Shall I see or know them no more? Where are the companions of my early life, I go back to the scenes of my youth; I am a stranger. The associates are gone. Some are dead; the fathers and mothers of the Church are dead. I go into the graveyard near by, and I find their names on the headstones, and their familiar faces are in fancy before me. My loved ones, many of them, are gone, to come no more. My brethren of the Conference—the fathers, where are they? They do not answer at roll-call. Men who were giants in the ministry when I entered this Conference are nearly all gone. My heart cries out, Where are my Presiding Elders who were so kind and patient—Clayton, Moody, Fee, Van Cleve, Pearne, Marlay, Ketcham, and many other brethren: Runyan, Deem, Mason, Middleton, Hypes, etc.? A year ago I grasped the hand of D. A. McColm, A. C. Turrell, and J. P. Porter. But they do not answer at roll call. I am told they are dead. Nature gives back no answer to my heart's question. Job asked, "If a man die, shall he live again?" and there is no satisfactory answer. This Gospel answers. A personal voice says, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live again." "Because I live, ye shall live also." That answer is satisfactory.

These are some of the questions which the personal voice of the Gospel answers to the heart-questions of the sin-burdened race. These incomparable messages Jesus has committed to the Christian ministry. We are teachers to teach the lost world a definite lesson,—of sin, holiness, and future blessedness, the reward of holy living. We are to consecrate all our resources of power to these things. We are not to concern ourselves about whether there was one or more writers of the Pentateuch; whether Isaiah wrote all the book or had an assistant. We are to preach the Word. No sinner ever was convicted for sin, mourner converted, character developed, bereaved comforted, by hearing a discussion as to how many men wrote the Pentateuch. Jesus sets the example by using familiar objects and scenes. A sower went forth to sow; the kingdom of God is like a grain of mustard-seed, etc.; the leaven hid in the meal; the finding of the pearl; and many others. He shows us our attitude toward the sinner, in His preaching to the Samaritan woman. There are examples of sympathy, helpfulness, comforting, and self-sacrifice. This, God's greatest message to man, that cost so much pain and sacrifice, that is so unspeakably necessary to the enlightenment, ennobling, uplifting, and sanctifying of the world,—for which the great, hungry world thirsts,—is committed to the ministry as a sacred trust.

III. Once more there comes to the minister the invitation to "Go up higher," but this time I would say the language is changed a little. The Bishop of our souls, who has gone on before, says, "Friend, come up higher." It is when the battles are fought, the victories are won, the seed is sown, and the harvests are garnered, that the Lord invites us to the highest place.

1. Heaven is a place: I do not know where. But Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you." When He ascended the angel said, "This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." I am not so particular about the exact locality, but I would like to know how it looks. Jesus says, "I go to prepare," etc. It is then a "prepared" place. John, the beloved discip'le, was allowed to see it, and he has tried to describe it. How well he has succeeded I am not able to tell, but am assured that he has not overdrawn it. He says: "There is no curse there, no death, no sorrow, nor crying. The city lieth foursquare; the wall is an hundred and forty and four cubits, built of jasper; the city is of pure gold, like unto clear glass; the foundations of the wall were garnished with all manner of

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His life was one of faithful service—"one of high and holy reward." The end of life was peace. With him the Scripture was fulfilled: "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

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Funeral services were held in the King's Creek Church, on Wednesday, January 11th, at 2 P. M., in charge of Presiding Elders G. W. Dubois and H. D. Ketcham, assisted by Brothers J. E. Abrams, — Sullivan, and W. A. Wiant, and attended by quite a number of his ministerial brethren and a large concourse of people.

The body was then taken to Dayton, Ohio, where services were again held in Raper Church on Thursday, at 2.30 P. M., in charge of Dr. Dubois, assisted by Revs. Brown, Vaughan, Jameson, McCabe, Sellers, Wiant, Bell, and other ministerial brethren. The burial was in the family lot at Woodland Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio. Our treasure is not lost, only transferred.

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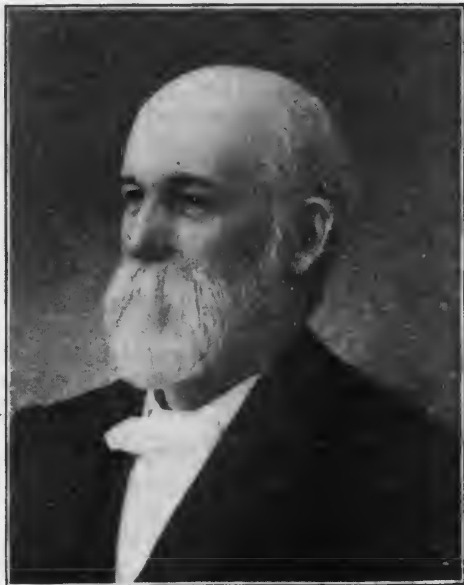
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His life was one of faithful service—"one of high and holy reward." The end of life was peace. With him the Scripture was fulfilled: "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

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The body was then taken to Dayton, Ohio, where services were again held in Raper Church on Thursday, at 2.30 P. M., in charge of Dr. Dubois, assisted by Revs. Brown, Vaughan, Jameson, McCabe, Sellers, Wiant, Bell, and other ministerial brethren. The burial was in the family lot at Woodland Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio. Our treasure is not lost, only transferred.

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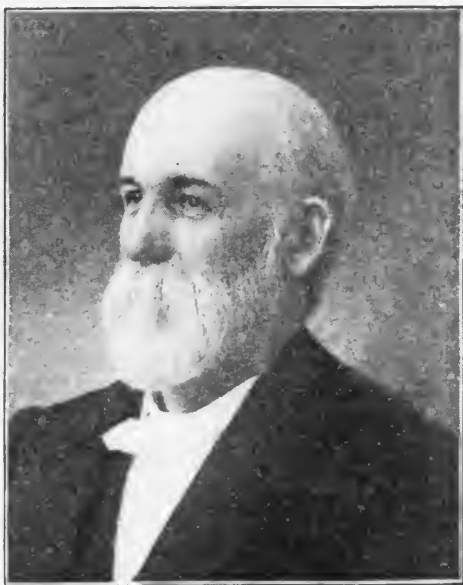
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Entering Drew Seminary in the fall of 1889, the same earnest fidelity to his studies characterized his seminary life, that had marked his college life, and the same honored success was as meritoriously won. Also, the same devotion to the Kingdom of the Master asserted itself; for in addition to his seminary work, he, again with a classmate, undertook to establish a mission in Bayonne. At the close of two years of assiduous labor, "Bergen Point" was admitted into the Newark Conference, promising the support of \$800 to whomsoever the Bishop might send her.

Receiving the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in the spring of 1891, the young preacher, just as he had supplied the pulpit of First Church, Urbana, Ohio, during the summer of 1889, now supplied Center Street Church, Springfield, Ohio, till the meeting of Conference, and it is to his credit that he rendered admirable service. Having already been admitted into Conference in the fall of 1889, he came to the Conference convening in First Church, Urbana, September 2, 1891. Here he received ordination as deacon at the hands of Bishop Foster, and was given as his appointment Grace Church, Springfield, Ohio. He remained at Grace Church for three years, and though, in a worldly sense, it was the smallest Church ever given him by a Bishop, yet no Church was ever given more faithful service. At the session of 1893 he was sent to Price Hill, Cincinnati. A happy and successful pastorate of five years marked this appointment—happy for both pastor and people, successful in a large measure in the upbuilding of the Church. In November, 1893, the young pastor was happily married to Miss Caroline Reynolds, of Bayonne, New Jersey, whose efficiency as a teacher in the public schools of Jersey City, and whose successful service in the several departments of Church work, showed her to be a worthy helpmate for this ardent devotee of the Gospel of Christ. His happy home, his increased usefulness, are witnesses that his hopes were fully realized in her whom he called wife. In September, 1898, Bishop Vincent appointed A. C. Turrell to First Church, Xenia, and God sanctioned the appointment. Under the leadership of their pastor, First Church enjoyed one of the greatest, if not the greatest, revivals in her history. And during the six years' term a heavy debt was raised and the membership of the Church almost doubled. However, probably the most signal service rendered by this devoted man was his leadership of the temperance forces under the Beal Law in their campaign against the saloons. In the study of his life it would seem that all that had preceded was meant of God as a preparation for this great struggle. And God was not disappointed in his man. The same courage, the unyielding determination, the constancy of purpose, the unfaltering faith in the right, the alert, resourceful, masterful man, the hold on Omnipotence,—it was but the repetition of the story of his earlier days. God was not disappointed in the man whom he had raised up for this

hour; neither were the people of Xenia, for he marshaled them to a splendid victory. At the Conference of 1904, Bishop Bashford appointed Brother Turrell to the Presiding Eldership of the Hillsboro District, and till within a few days of his death he gave himself far beyond his strength to his difficult work. Not till we have entered into the bliss of immortality, and have beheld the glories of the upper world, can we know the recompense that has come to this faithful servant of God. On the above-named date, owing to nervous prostration, to the astonishment and deepest sorrow of his many friends, Albert Clark Turrell fell peacefully asleep in Christ Jesus. His devoted wife and three children, notwithstanding their grief, are comforted by the hope of a reunion beyond the stars.

Funeral services were held in the Hillsboro Methodist Episcopal Church before a large congregation of citizens, former parishioners from Price Hill and Xenia, and ministerial brethren of the Conference. The following day, February 9th, at two o'clock, the services were continued in First Church, Xenia, in the presence of a congregation of fifteen hundred friends, parishioners from every charge he had served, and brethren of the ministry from each of the districts of the Conference. As an evidence of their love for the life that had been so freely spent in their midst for them and theirs, the people of First Church generously provided the last resting-place for the body of their once pastor, comrade, and friend.

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MRS. D. H. SARGENT.

ON April 7, 1905, Elizabeth Shaw Sargent passed from this life to meet her loved ones who had gone before.

Since the death of her husband, Rev. David N. Sargent, who was a member of the Cincinnati Conference for many years, she has made her home with her son, C. W. Sargent, in St. Louis, Mo., where she died. Sister Sargent was born in Alexandria, Ky., December 19, 1819. In 1859 she became the wife of a Methodist itinerant, and assumed the responsibility of mother to three small children. In 1869 Brother Sargent retired from the active work of the ministry, and they lived on a small farm three miles south of Lebanon thirty-five years, until the time of her husband's death. During these years she was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Lebanon. Her religious life was quiet and not expressive, yet of that kind loved by all. Those who speak of her recall her model life.

The remains were placed beside her husband in South Lebanon.

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LORETTA HOAK, daughter of Lemuel and Lucretia Hoak, the youngest of the seven children in her father's home, was born near Westville, Ohio, March 6, 1864. Her early life was spent amidst the surroundings of the farm home. One of her childhood playmates proved afterward to be her life companion. June 7, 1883, she was united in marriage to W. A. Wiant. Nine children graced their home—three daughters and six sons. Two of them are with the mother, seven with the father, and through the beautiful devotion of their Christian love they are "one family in heaven and in earth." She united with the Church in her eleventh year under Rev. C. Kalbfus. Two years later she was converted; in 1901 entered into a deeper "rest of faith," and Christmas eve of 1904 entered into faith's final reward. She was possessed of that fine sense of the fitness of things that made her always the agreeable friend; was emotional, but always self-

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Everything that medical skill could afford was summoned to her aid. But uremic poisoning, the result of acute Bright's disease, soon brought the end. For a few hours before her death she was unconscious, and convulsions were feared, as so often proves the case in such disease. But the prayer, which she herself at the family altar had so often offered, "Give us a tranquil hour in which to die," was answered. The end was perfect peace. Saturday evening, December 24, 1905, just before the coming of the anniversary day of the Savior's advent, she ascended to meet her Lord.

HEBER D. KETCHAM.

MRS. L. M. DAVIS.

MRS. MARGARET L. DAVIS, wife of Rev. L. M. Davis, of the Cincinnati Conference, was born December 6, 1848, in Clermont County, Ohio, near the village of Amelia. While yet in her teens she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, under the labors of Revs. A. N. Spahr and Homer Middleton. In the fall of 1875 she was united in marriage with Rev. L. M. Davis, then stationed at Amelia, where she and her husband had been known from their earliest childhood. She went with her husband to the following charges: New Richmond, Bantam, Moscow, New Boston, and Lynchburg. On the last-mentioned charge she and Brother Davis found a pleasant and useful field in which to labor. In this field her gentle and kind spirit did much good. She and her husband were then sent to Sabina. It was here that she found a congenial field for labor, and quickly entered into the hearts of the people. Her friendship and love was of that type that took in many. She was happy as a hostess, giving her hand of greeting and a smile of glad welcome to the many who came to her home. After toiling here five years she went with her husband to New Moorefield, and from there to Newtown, where she lived and wrought for six happy years. Her last field of labor was at Loveland. She was connected with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, president of the Ladies' Aid Society, and teacher in the Sunday-school when the Master called for her. She passed to her rest March 19, 1905.